



**FRIDAY**  
60% Chance of Precip  
64/29 °F



**SATURDAY**  
0% Chance of Precip  
66/43 °F



**SUNDAY**  
0% Chance of Precip  
68/50 °F

# C THE CARRBORO CITIZEN



Bright-yellow flowers add sparkle to the five parted leaves of cinquefoil in spring and later in the summer. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

## FLORA BY KEN MOORE

### Lowly, lovely cinquefoil

It is so interesting to watch the unfolding of the new landscape slowly emerging around the N.C. Botanical Garden's new building complex. While I've heard comments that the new gardens are taking too long to create, I commend the Garden staff for being so thoughtful and not rushing into what will be a most engaging and instructional future garden.

Meanwhile, the old gardens surrounding the Totten Center are mature and absolutely exploding with horticultural beauty and botanical interest. The sweeps of golden ragwort and blue phlox in the shade garden are breathtaking, and watching children discovering the emerging flowers and leaves in the carnivorous plant beds is a joy to behold.

It is noteworthy that specimens showing up in the new gardens represent the diversity of plants that occur naturally all around us in the Carolina Piedmont.

Most of those plants result from the Garden's active propagation program. Planning ahead, keen staff members carefully collected seed of dozens of local Piedmont species, and now there are lots of plants for display and testing. Some of them will become choice garden plants, some may become a future Wildflower of the Year and some few may become select cultivars. We all love those fancy-named cultivars like goldenrod, *Solidago rugosa*, "Fireworks," and wild indigo, Baptisia, "Carolina Moonlight," both special selections from the Garden.

One of my favorites is a plant rescued years ago from a residential construction site. It has proven to be a dependable, low groundcover that thrives in heat,

SEE **FLORA** PAGE 10

## INSIDE

### CHS principal resigns

See page 5

## INDEX

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Music Calendar ..... | 2 |
| News .....           | 3 |
| Schools .....        | 5 |
| Opinion .....        | 6 |
| Community .....      | 8 |
| Classifieds .....    | 9 |

# Response to occupiers questioned

BY SUSAN DICKSON  
Staff Writer

Following recent demonstrations at 201 N. Greensboro St., some Carrboro business owners are saying they have concerns not only about the demonstrations but also regarding the responses of some members of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen.

Debra Seaton, who owns the property at 203 N. Greensboro St., told the board last week that she felt statements made by some members of the board following the March 17 Guer-

rilla Gardening event staged by members of the Carrboro Commune group were inappropriate. Seaton's property is under option for purchase by CVS Caremark, pending rezoning and conditional-use permit approval for a two-story development proposed for the corner, including Seaton's property, 201 N. Greensboro St.

"I am extremely disappointed and bewildered by some of the statements made in the press by some of the members of the board of aldermen regarding the police presence," Seaton said, adding that she witnessed no harass-

ment of protesters by police. She said she asked police to protect her property during the demonstration, were it targeted by protesters, and expected them to do so.

Board members Dan Coleman and Sammy Slade told *The Citizen* that they were concerned with the number of police present at the Guerrilla Gardening event. One person was arrested for blocking traffic, but overall the demonstration was peaceful.

Other board members have said they supported the actions of police, given previous demonstrations at 201

N. Greensboro and at the former Yates Motor Co. building in Chapel Hill, in which buildings were illegally entered by protesters.

Some demonstrators have said they felt the police presence was oppressive, citing concerns with the amount of surveillance of protesters conducted by police.

Seaton said she felt it was inappropriate of the board to support the actions of protesters – some of whom had previously broken into the build

SEE **REACTION** PAGE 5



## Weaving for Guatemala

McDougle Middle School students David Getka, Jeremiah Marsh and Jonathan Sepulveda weave bracelets for the "McDougle Mills" event last week. For the event, which was conducted as part of an interdisciplinary project on child labor, 700 students worked to make friendship bracelets, paper beads and origami to be sold to raise money for Mayan Families, an organization that helps feed and clothe those in need in Guatemala and enables children to escape the need to work.

PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER

# Chinese program could be cut

BY ROSE LAUDICINA  
Staff Writer

Parents of students enrolled in the Glenwood Elementary Mandarin Dual-Language Program say they have had to fight every year to keep it from being eliminated.

This year they are going to have a much tougher fight.

On March 26, the district's dual-language administrative team, comprised of school principals and district administrators, published a formal report with recommendations for the program, which included phasing out

the Mandarin program.

"I was shocked," said Hong Ying Li, who has two children enrolled in the program at Glenwood Elementary. "This program has helped our kids and has benefited both the Chinese and English-speaking kids," Li added.

Just one year ago the Mandarin dual-language program helped the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools district make world headlines when it was featured on BBC America.

After the BBC story was released, parents said they felt a sense of relief,

SEE **MANDARIN** PAGE 2

# Sales decline to make revaluation difficult

BY SUSAN DICKSON  
Staff Writer

**CARRBORO** – After several years of a down economy, relatively stable home prices in Orange County started decreasing in 2011, county Tax Assessor Jenkins Crayton told members of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen on Tuesday.

Crayton gave a report to the board on the county's upcoming January 2013 property revaluation. According to Crayton, because the number of property sales has sharply decreased in the past few years – down to 969 in 2011 from more than 2,000 in

2007 – the property revaluation will be more difficult, since assessed values are based on sales of comparable properties.

"Sales are the lifeblood of a revaluation," he said. "We can't tell what the market is saying if it's being quiet."

"Frankly, there are just no sales at all in many neighborhoods," Crayton added.

Overall, Crayton said the county has estimated that property values have dropped since the revaluation such that assessed values are, on average, about 5 percent higher than

SEE **REVALUATION** PAGE 7

# Giving into the green

RECENTLY ...  
BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

Every garden is a work in progress. The gardener can plan and dream all he or she wants, but Mother Nature will have her way, as we have all been reminded this season with the early burgeoning of blossoms.

No doubt gardeners at the 10 gardens on this year's Chapel Hill Spring Garden Tour, April 14 and 15, have had additional stress over the beauty that came early. Regardless, every garden holds perpetual treasures, and the bi-annual tour never fails to thrill garden lovers.

Frequently the tour covers a specific neighborhood or area of town, but this year's tour, called "A Sense of Place: The Southern Gardens of Chapel Hill," features seven in-town

SEE **RECENTLY** PAGE 5



The environmentally sustainable Education Center at the North Carolina Botanical Garden in Chapel Hill  
PHOTO BY ANNE WOOD HUMPHRIES FOR THE CHAPEL HILL GARDEN CLUB



MUSIC CALENDAR

THURSDAY APR 5

**Cat's Cradle:** Breathe Carolina, The Ready Set, Ashland High, Matt Toka, Romance on a Rocketship. 7pm. \$15/18  
**The Cave:** LATE: Johnson's Cross-roads, The Outliers

**Chapel Hill Underground:** Valkyrie, System, Hog, Torch Runner  
**The Depot:** Doc Branch Band. 8pm

**Linda's Bar and Grill:** Robert Griffin. 7:30pm

**Local 506:** The Brand New Life, BPL, The Ill Family. 9pm. \$6

**Nightlight:** Vannevar, Lizzy Pitch, Michael Barrett. 9:30pm. \$5

**Southern Rail:** Doug Largent Trio. 7pm. Nanner Head. 9pm. Michael Bellar and the As-Is Ensemble. 10pm

FRIDAY APR 6

**Cat's Cradle:** Alabama Shakes, Lee Bains and The Glory Fires. 9pm. \$12/15

**The Cave:** EARLY: Rocket Biscuit LATE: Melissa Swingle, Stag, Calico Haunts

**The Depot:** Just Another Guy and His Guitar. 8:30pm

**The Kraken:** Killer Filler, Rubber Gypsy. 9pm

**Local 506:** Morning Brigade, Turchi, Christian Adams, Jordan Humphrey. 9pm \$5

**Nightlight:** Bitter Resolve, Backwoods Payback, Order of the Owl.

9:30pm. \$6

**Southern Rail:** Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm. Fan Madine. 10pm

**Wilson Library:** Tribute to Mike Seeger with John Cohen, Alice Gerard, Ginny Hawker, Tracy Schwarz. 6:30pm. Free

SATURDAY APR 7

**The ArtsCenter:** Secondhand Strings, The Youngmen, Hung Jury, The Shy Guys. 8pm. \$6/8

**Cat's Cradle:** Midtown Dickens and Kairaba. 9pm. \$5

**The Cave:** LATE: Fin Fang Foom, Airstrip

**DAvenport and Winkleperry:** Jay Cartwright and Fable Cry. 9pm. \$5

**The Depot:** Not Dead Yet. 8:30pm

**The Kraken:** US Christmas, Colossus, Boolow, Mountain of judgment, White Tiger and Bed of Roses, Ruscha 5pm

**Local 506:** Plants and Animals, This Is The Kit, Virgins. 9:30pm. \$10

**Nightlight:** Boogie Reverie, Ill Family

**Open Eye:** Birds and Arrows. 8pm

**Southern Rail:** Emma Hill. 8pm. Johnny Staxx and The Durty Boyz. 8pm. Honeychile. 9:30pm. Blood Red River. 10:30pm. Johnny Stax and The Durty Boyz. 11:30pm

SUNDAY APR 8

**Cat's Cradle:** Journey to Adventureland. 8pm

**The Cave:** LATE: Folklore, Clinton Johnson, Jphonol. 10pm

**Southern Rail:** Mr. Billy. 2pm

MONDAY APR 9

**Cat's Cradle:** Budos Band, Charles Bradley and His Extraordinaires. 8pm. \$20

**Local 506:** Frankie Rose, Dive. 9pm. \$8-10

TUESDAY APR 10

**Cat's Cradle:** Benefit Concert for David Alston with John Howie Jr and the Rosewood Bluff, Ben Davis and the Jeffs, Jule Brown, Turchi, Bastages, Monsonia. 7:30pm. Donations

**Memorial Hall:** Joshua Redman and Brad Mehldau Duo. 7:30pm

**Southern Rail:** Owen and His Checkered Past. 9pm

WEDNESDAY APR 11

**Cat's Cradle:** The Magnetic Fields, Devotchka. 9pm. \$25/28

**The Cave:** LATE: Blackwood and Wormy's Open Jam for the Peeps

**Local 506:** Tim Fite. 9pm. \$8-10

**Southern Rail:** Gmish Klezmer Band. 7pm

THURSDAY APR 12

**Cat's Cradle:** The Magnetic Fields, Devotchka. 9pm. \$25/28

**The Cave:** EARLY: Chumps LATE: Hearts and Daggars

**The Depot:** Lise Uyanik. 8pm

**Local 506:** Fair To Middling, Dead Letter Circus, Lionize. 8pm. \$12-14

**Southern Rail:** Sinful Savage Tigers, Mike Blair and the Stonewalls. 10pmm

FRIDAY APR 13

**Cat's Cradle:** Lizz Winstead. 8pm. \$22/25

**The Cave:** EARLY: John Shain, Joe Newberry LATE: The Nervous Ticks, Temperance League, The Milkstains, The Fooligans, No Eyes

**The Depot:** Ironing Board Sam. 8:30pm

**The Kraken:** Tim Strambaugh and Friends. 9pm

**Memorial Hall:** European Union Youth Orchestra with Vladamir Ashkenazy. 8pm

**Southern Rail:** Alex Bowers and Friends. 7pm. Boom City. 10pm

SATURDAY APR 14

**Cat's Cradle:** Mipso Trio. 8:30pm. \$10

**The Cave:** EARLY: GreatBig Gone LATE: Climb Jacobs Ladder

**The Depot:** Rootzie. 8:30pm

**Internationalist Books:** The Hissy Fits. 8pm. Free

**The Kraken:** Pagan Hellcats. 9pm

**Local 506:** Margot and the Nuclear So and So's, Ezra Furman, Writer. 9pm. \$10-12

**Memorial Hall:** Cheikh Lo. 8pm

**Open Eye:** Amy Alley. 8pm

SPOTLIGHT: MICHAEL BELLAR AND THE AS-IS ENSEMBLE



**Wacky electro-acoustic band Michael Bellar and the As-Is Ensemble will greet Carrboro tonight, Thursday, April 5, at The Station.**

Their unique energy full of rock riffs, swing and alt-jazz has gone anything but unnoticed. Bellar and the gang have garnered praise from The Village Voice, performed for a full house on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno and recorded with the likes of Art Garfunkel. Punk rockers Nannerhead will open the evening full of mayhem. Both original acts will make this an unforgettable night at The Station.

Doors open at 5 p.m. and the show starts at 9 p.m. With no cover charge and promises of a banana suit, there's no reason you shouldn't come out for this show.

MANDARIN FROM PAGE 1

thinking it would be enough to convince the district to keep the program running. But this feeling was cut short when the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education received recommendations to cut the program.

"We have been threatened three to four times a year before, but never like this" said Chris Russell, who has a second-grader in the program.

"Our kids have 10 weeks until the end of school, and then it is gone. They are portraying it as a phase out, when it is really a termination," Russell said.

The report released says the program is unsustainable because of low enrollment rates by native Chinese speakers, high attrition rates in middle and high school and the inability to find and retain enough qualified teachers.

"... [T]he district is making a significant investment per student in the Chinese Dual Language program. Administration questions whether this investment is equitable given the relatively small number of students in the program," the report states.

Contributing to the program's high costs is the need for work visas for many of the program's teachers at the elementary school level.

Acquiring the visas can take a significant amount of time and requires attorney assistance, and the district estimates that over the past year attorney costs have exceeded \$15,000.

"This program is good for the county and for the people, and to cancel it just to save a little bit of money doesn't make sense," Li said.

If approved, the dual-language administrative team's recommendations would involve redistricting and would have different implications at each school level.

For those enrolled in K-5 in the Mandarin program at Glenwood, the program would end after this year, but those students would have the opportunity to take Chinese as a world language during the 2012-13 school year.

Middle school students in the program at McDougale would continue with the program until high school, where Chinese would be offered based on interest, meaning at least 15 students are enrolled and a qualified teacher can be hired.

Students enrolled in the Mandarin program originally assigned to a different school will be redistricted for the 2013-14 school year, with the only exception being the high school students.

A community forum focusing on the program will be held at the Glenwood cafeteria on April 17 from 5 to 6:30 p.m., and the school board will vote on the recommendations in May.

MOVIE LISTINGS

We suggest you call for exact show times. All listings start Friday.

CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM

309 W. Morgan St., 560-3030

This Island Earth (Friday only); War of the Worlds (Friday only); The Godfather (Saturday-Sunday only); We Need to Talk About Kevin; Jeff, Who Lives at Home; The Iron Lady

CHELSEA THEATER

Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005

Coriolanus; Being Flynn; A Separation; We Need to Talk About Kevin

THE LUMINA

Southern Village, 932-9000

21 Jump Street; American Reunion; Mirror Mirror; Wrath of the Titans; The Hunger Games

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6

120 Banks Drive, 933-8600

21 Jump Street; American Reunion; The Hunger Games; Mirror Mirror; Titanic 3D; Wrath of the Titans 3D

THE VARSITY

123 E. Franklin St., 967-8665

Breakfast at Tiffany's; The Descendants; Safe House; The Vow

THE CAROLINA THEATRE DOWNTOWN DURHAM

FILM SCHEDULE APRIL 6-11

Fri, Apr 6 only - RETROCLASSICS: THIS ISLAND EARTH and WAR OF THE WORLDS starting at 7:00

THE GODFATHER Sat-Sun only 2:30 & 7:30 WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT KEVIN Nightly 7 & 9:20 | Sat-Sun Mats 2:00 & 4:20

JEFF, WHO LIVES AT HOME Nightly 9:15 | Sat-Sun Mats 4:15

THE IRON LADY Nightly 7:10 only! | Sat-Sun Mats 2:10 NO 7:10 show on Tues 4/10

carolinatheatre.org

CAT'S CRADLE

TU 4/24 TRAMPLED BY TURTLES

SU 4/15 DEVIN THE DUDE

WE 5/2 NICK LOWE AND HIS BAND

TU 4/17 MICKEY HART BAND

MO 4/16 WASHED OUT

TH 4/19 DRIVE-BY TRUCKERS

FR 4/27 THE OLD CEREMONY

TH 4/5 BREATHE CAROLINA AND THE READY SET W/ASHLAND HIGH, MATT TOKA, ROMANCE ON A ROCKETSHIP\*\*(\$15/\$18)

FR 4/6 SOLD OUT ALABAMA SHAKES W/LEE BAINS & THE GLORY FIRES

SA 4/7 DOUBLE ALBUM RELEASE! MIDTOWN DICKENS AND KAIRABA\*\*(\$5)

SU 4/8 CYNAMATIK EVENT! JOURNEY TO ADVENTURELAND\*\*

MO 4/9\*\*(\$20) THE BUDOS BAND AND CHARLES BRADLEY & HIS EXTRAORDINAIRES

TU 4/10 BENEFIT FOR DAVID ALSTON JOHN HOWIE JR / ROSEWOOD BLUFF, BEN DAVIS / JETTS, JULE BROWN, TURCHI, BASTAGES, MONSONI NO COVER - DONATIONS ENCOURAGED

WE 4/11 AND TH 4/12 TWO SHOWS! THE MAGNETIC FIELDS\*\*(\$25/\$28) W/DEVOTCHKA (ACOUSTIC)

FR 4/13 DAILY SHOW CO-CREATOR! LIZZ WINSTEAD\*\*(\$22/\$25)

SA 4/14 CD RELEASE! MIPSO TRIO W/THE LIBBY RODENBOUGH SHOW\*\*(\$10 INCLUDES CD)

SU 4/15 "SERIOUSLY TRIPPING TOUR" DEVIN THE DUDE\*\*(\$13/\$15) W/COUGHEE BROTHAZ

MO 4/16 WASHED OUT W/MEMORYHOUSE\*\*(\$14/\$16)

TU 4/17 AN EVENING WITH THE MICKEY HART BAND\*\*(\$29/\$32)

WE 4/18 KINA GRANNIS W/IMAGINARY FRIENDS \*\*(\$15/\$17 AND \$20 MEET AND GREET)

TH 4/19 DRIVE-BY TRUCKERS\*\*(\$25/\$28)

FR 4/20 ALBUM RELEASE PARTY! LOST IN THE TREES\*\*(\$15) W/THE TODDLERS AND BRICE RANDALL BICKFORD

SA 4/21 SAY ANYTHING, KEVIN DEVINE (BAND), FAKE PROBLEMS, TALLHART\*\*(\$17/\$20)

SU 4/22\*\*(\$12/\$15) DREW HOLCOMB AND THE NEIGHBORS W/RAYLAND BAXTER

TU 4/24 TRAMPLED BY TURTLES\*\*(\$18/\$20) W/WILLIAM ELLIOTT WHITMORE

WE 4/25 WHITE PANDA W/PHIVE AND STYLES&COMPLETE\*\*(\$10/\$15)

TH 4/26 BENEFIT FOR KENNY PETTIS TALL BUILDINGS, NEW TOWN DRUNKS, NEIL DIAMOND ALL-STAR, DAVID SPENCER BAND, DEX & THE NEW ROMANS NO COVER DONATIONS ENCOURAGED

FR 4/27 THE OLD CEREMONY\*\*(\$10/\$12) W/JOHN DEE HOLEMAN

SA 4/28 GRANDMOTHERS OF INVENTION\*\*(\$20/\$25) PERFORMING ROXY AND ELSEWHERE IN ITS ENTIRETY (SET ONE) AND A GREAT LIST OF HITS IN SET TWO!

SU 4/29 ENGLISH BEAT W/ARCHBISHOPS OF BLOUNT STREET\*\*(\$17/\$20)

MO 4/30 GROUPOLOVE\*\*(\$15/\$18) W/COMPANY OF THIEVES

FR 5/4 BEATS ANTIQUE W/LAURA LOW (DJ LAURA)\*\*(\$15/\$18)

SA 5/5 BEACH HOUSE\*\*(\$20)

TU 5/8 ACTIVE CHILD/ BALAM ACAB\*\*(\$10/\$12) W/SUPERHUMANOID

WE 5/9 BIG FAT GAP / GRANT FARM\*\*(\$8/\$10)

FR 5/11\*\*(\$15) THE GOURDS W/SPECIAL GUESTS THE WANDERING / LUTHER DICKINSON

SA 5/12 SPIRITUALIZED \*\*(\$18/\$21)

FR 5/18 THRICE, ANIMALS AS LEADERS, O'BROTHER\*\*(\$19/\$22)

WE 5/23 ST. VINCENT W/SHEARWATER\*\*(\$17/\$20)

FR 5/25 YANN TIERSEN W/PIANO CHAT\*\*(\$18/\$20)

SA 5/26 THE POLYPHONIC SPREE\*\*(\$17/\$20)

FR 6/8 PAUL THORN\*\*(\$15)

MO 6/11 TWO DOOR CINEMA CLUB W/CLAP YOUR HANDS SAY YEAH AND BAD VEINS\*\*(\$21.50/\$24)

TU 6/12 THE REAL MCKENZIES W/THE GODDAMN GALLOWES\*\*(\$10/\$13)

TH 6/14 DAWES W/SPECIAL GUEST SARA WATKINS\*\*

WE 6/27 LOS CAMPESINOS! \*\*(\$15)

FR 7/13 BEST COAST W/TWOSE DARLINS\*\*(\$17/\$19)

SA 8/4 LITTLE FEAT\*\*(\$30)

SA 9/15 THE FEELIES\*\*(\$18/\$20)

CATSCRADLE.COM \* 919.967.9053 \* 300 E. MAIN STREET \* CARRBORO

\*\*ASTERISKS DENOTE ADVANCE TICKETS @ SCHOOLKIDS RECORDS IN RALEIGH, CD ALLEY IN CHAPEL HILL ORDER TIX ONLINE AT ETIX.COM \* WE SERVE CAROLINA BREWERY BEER ON TAP! \* WE ARE A NON-SMOKING CLUB

ALSO PRESENTING

LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)

SU 4/15 THE FRONT BOTTOMS W/DOOMBUNNY AND MORGAN'S END

SA 5/26 ROCKY VOTOLATO W/CALLMEKAT

SU 5/27 PARLOTONES W/Ryan STAR

FR 6/8 THE CLEAN W/TIMES NEW VIKING

HAW RIVER BALLROOM (SAXAPAWHAW)

FR 5/11 ARCHERS OF LOAF W/PIPE AND FAN MODINE

PAGE AUDITORIUM (DUKE UNIVERSITY)

FR 5/15 M WARD W/LEE RANALDO BAND

TICKETS @ PAGE BOX OFFICE

THE CASBAH (DURHAM)

WE 4/18 CHEYENNE MARIE MIZE AND HOOTS & HELLMOUTH

FR 4/20 ELEANOR FRIEDBERGER W/HOSPITALITY

SA 4/21 AMY RAY W/KAIA WILSON

MO 4/23 JIM WHITE

FR 5/11 MIKE DOUGHTY, THE BOOK OF DRUGS: READING, CONCERT, Q&A

KINGS (RALEIGH)

TH 5/3 BLACK JOE LEWIS & THE HONEYBEARS W/PRESERVATION

TH 5/10 BEN SOLLEE

TU 5/15 JC BROOKS & THE UPTOWN SOUND

NIGHTLIGHT (CHAPEL HILL)

TU 5/15 SECRET MUSIC

THE ARTSCENTER (CARR)

TH 5/17 RHETT MILLER (OF OLD 9TS)

NEIGHBORHOOD THEATER (CHARLOTTE)

FR 4/6 WE WERE PROMISED JETPACKS W/BAD VEINS, AND NEW CASSETTES

SA 4/14 LAMBCHOP W/CROOKED FINGERS

WE 4/18 !!! AND SHABAZZ PALACES

FLETCHER OPERA THEATER (RALEIGH)

WE 5/2 NICK LOWE AND HIS BAND W/TIT MERRIT TIX VIA TICKETMASTER AND VENUE BOX OFFICE

MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM (RALEIGH)

TH 5/3 FEIST W/TIMBER TIMBRE TIX VIA TICKETMASTER AND VENUE BOX OFFICE

Weaver Street Market's 8th Annual Spring

wine sale

over 30 wines up to 51% OFF!

April 4 - May 1

Plus, enjoy a 5% discount on 6 or more bottles, and a 10% discount on 12 or more bottles!

wine shows! taste all the wines

Sample sale wines at our wine shows. Enjoy music, hors d'oeuvres and your favorite wines at great savings!

|                  |                    |          |
|------------------|--------------------|----------|
| carrboro         | saturday, april 7  | 1 - 5 pm |
| southern village | saturday, april 14 | 1 - 5 pm |
| hillsborough     | saturday, april 21 | 1 - 5 pm |

|  |   |   |                         |
|--|---|---|-------------------------|
| carrboro 101 East Weaver Street 919.929.0010 | southern village 716 Market Street 919.929.2009 | hillsborough 228 S. Churton Street 919.245.5050 | weaverstreetmarket.coop |
|--|---|---|-------------------------|



Briefs

Resurfacing on Greensboro St.

Work is scheduled to begin on Tuesday on the Greensboro Street NCDOT roadway resurfacing project.

The contracting group REA will place message boards informing the public and motorists to anticipate traffic backup along Greensboro Street and connecting roadways.

Work will be scheduled between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Friday along North Greensboro between East Poplar Avenue and Carr Street. Work along North Greensboro from East Poplar Avenue to Lorraine Street and from Carr Street to Rand Road will occur between 9 a.m. and sunset Monday through Sunday.

The resurfacing project should be complete by June 1.

For more information contact NCDOT at (336) 334-3297 and ask for Chris Kirkman, Arnold Baldwin or Bojan Cvijetic, or call David Poythress, the street superintendent for Carrboro at (919) 918-7432.

Holiday closings

Most municipal offices will operate on holiday schedules in observance of Good Friday and Easter weekend. Schedule changes include:

- The Town of Carrboro offices will be closed Friday.
- Carrboro garbage scheduled for collection on Friday will be collected today (Thursday).
- Chapel Hill Transit will operate on a Saturday schedule on Friday, with no U or NU routes running on Friday or Sunday.
- Orange County Solid Waste Convenience Centers will be closed on Sunday.
- The Town of Chapel Hill offices will be closed Friday.
- Chapel Hill yard waste will not be collected on Friday.
- The Chapel Hill Public Library will be closed on Sunday.
- The Town of Hillsborough offices will be closed Friday.
- Hillsborough residential garbage scheduled for collection on Friday will be collected on Monday.
- The Orange County Public Library will be closed on Sunday.

Candidate forums

Carrboro and southern Orange County precincts of the Orange County Democratic Party will host a forum for Democratic candidates for the District 1 seats on the Orange County Board of Commissioners on Wednesday fro 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Carrboro Town Hall.

The three candidates – incumbent Pam Hemminger, Penny Rich and Mark Dorosin – for two District 1 seats will attend the forum.

In addition, OrangePolitics will host two live online candidate forums at orangepolitics.org for the Orange County Board of Education election and the Democratic primary election for the Orange County Board of Commissioners.

The forum for the Orange County Board of Education will be held Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. The commissioners’ forum will be held April 15 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Multiple breaking and entering arrests

Eight people were arrested by the Chapel Hill Police Department for felony breaking and entering a vehicle from March 14 through March 27. The police say that each of the vehicles that were broken into were either unlocked or left unsecured, and some contained valuable items, which were stolen.

The police department wants to remind residents to always lock their vehicles, roll up the windows even when parked outside their homes and never leave valuables visible inside cars.

YMCA merger discussions end

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Y announced it will no longer be trying to establish a formal relationship with the YMCA of the Triangle.

For the past year and a half, representatives of the two associations have been talking about forming a joint partnership and affiliation to work together in a mutually beneficial way, but on March 27 discussions officially ended. The two organizations have determined they will continue to share best practices, but that a formal agreement is not the best way to move forward.

BREAKING GROUND ON MAIN STREET

PTA Thrift Shop executive director Barbara Jessie-Black, Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce CEO Aaron Nelson and Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton take part in the celebrations at the groundbreaking ceremony for the 300 East Main project and the Hampton Inn & Suites last week. The first phase of 300 East Main will include the Hampton Inn – Orange County’s first LEED-certified hotel – and 18,000 square feet of ground-floor retail/restaurants space facing Main Street, plus a 500-space parking deck with public parking.

PHOTO BY  
KRISTEN SMITH



Chapel Hill trash plans still undecided

BY ROSE LAUDICINA  
Staff Writer

Discussion once again turned to trash at a joint meeting between the Chapel Hill Town Council and the Orange County Board of Commissioners last week.

Chapel Hill Town Manager Roger Stancil updated the county on the consultant hired by the town to evaluate Chapel Hill’s solid-waste services but said the town couldn’t provide concrete information on its solid-waste plans until June.

“We see this closing of the landfill as an opportunity to look at our whole spectrum of services,” Stancil said. “Our charge for the consultant currently is that nothing is off topic.”

Chapel Hill chose to hire a consultant to look at the town’s solid-waste options when the commissioners decided to close the Orange County Landfill by June 30, 2013 and as a temporary solution truck the county’s trash to the Durham waste transfer station.

Chapel Hill officials have said that due to the cost, an estimated \$500,000 to \$700,000 per year to truck their trash to Durham, they want at least to explore other options.

“I hope that your consultant will come back with information for all of us, and they will help us find a better solution,” Commissioner Pam Hemminger said, expressing her hope that Chapel Hill will share the consultant’s recommendations with the county.

Included in the consultant’s study is Chapel Hill’s partnership with the county on recycling efforts.

Even though the landfill is closing, the county will still be in charge of recycling collection and recently voted to make the switch from double-stream to single-stream recycling. However, since the consultant’s findings will not come back to the council until June, Chapel Hill will not yet commit to partnering with the county for recycling, prompting the county to postpone purchasing new roll carts for single-stream recycling for the urban areas.

“It is not about questioning our commitment,” Stancil said of the study, “it is about our operations and what is most efficient and effective for our taxpayers.”

The commissioners and town council also discussed plans for the Greene Tract while talking trash at the meeting.

The Greene Tract is comprised of 164 acres of land in which 104 acres are in a joint partnership between Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Orange County, with the remaining 60 set aside for solid-waste management purposes.

While talks surrounding the use of the Greene Tract, located behind the landfill, have been sporadic, the most recent recommendation from the Greene Tract workgroup was that approximately 84.9 acres should be set aside for a conservation easement and 18.1 should be set aside for affordable housing, said Assistant County Manager Michael Talbert.

Hemminger also reminded the board and council that previously there had been talks about locating the next Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School on the Greene Tract, since vacant land for new schools is limited.

Council member Jim Ward expressed his interest in looking at the Greene Tract as an opportunity for economic development.

“I don’t know this land well,” Ward said, “but my sensitivity to economic development has changed over the last 10 years. I for one would like to explore some portion of the 85 acres of open space.”

“If we want to reconvene the Greene Tract issue,” Commissioner Bernadette Pellissier said, “we have to involve the town of Carrboro. Is that something people are interested in doing?”

Both the council and the board agreed to continue discussing plans for the Greene Tract, and the board of commissioners directed staff to draft a letter to send to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education about discussing siting a school on the tract for their next joint meeting with the board of education on April 26.

The Arts-Center names new director

BY TAYLOR SISK  
Staff Writer

The ArtsCenter has chosen Art Menius as its new executive director, board of directors chair Betsy James announced on Monday.

Menius will take over next week.

“Thanks go to the Search Committee, to Interim Executive Director Jay Miller, our faithful volunteers, to the staff and to the Board for keeping us moving in the right direction up until this point,” James said in a press release.



Art Menius

Menius will be returning home to the Triangle, having left in 2004. He’s a Raleigh native and received bachelor’s and master’s of arts degrees in history from UNC.

He calls The ArtsCenter “dear to my heart” and said that even in his absence he considered Carrboro, Chapel Hill and north Chatham to be home.

“Except for 18 months in Raleigh, I lived within 10 miles of Carrboro from 1973 until 2004. My wife and I are overjoyed to be headed back home.”

His history with The ArtsCenter, he said, “is deep and provides some of my best memories.”

In 1983, Menius began writing about roots music for area publications, including the *News & Observer* and the *Independent*.

“ArtsCenter founder Jacques Menache had just started presenting live music when I started writing about music for the *News & Observer* and its Chapel Hill-Carrboro section as a freelancer almost 30 years ago,” he said. “I have no idea how many events at The ArtsCenter I covered over 21 years for the *Independent* and the *News & Observer*.”

In his absence from the area, Menius helped create and served as executive director of the International Bluegrass Music Association, was president of the Old-Time Music Group, was president and manager of the Folk Alliance and served as associate festival coordinator for Merlefest.

From 2007 till 2010, he was director of Appalshop, the Appalachian media and arts center in Whitesburg, Ky.

“This is a wonderful time to be returning,” Menius said, praising ArtsCenter staff and board members and Miller for turning the organization’s financial situation around.

“I have the privilege of coming in on a rising tide. Over the next few years The ArtsCenter will move forward in collaboration with the town and the Carrboro community.”

Menius said one of his primary objectives in his first few weeks on the job will be to better get to know board and staff members and stakeholders in the community.

Miller will stay on in an unofficial capacity to assist with the transition.

“He’s a good fit for a lot of reasons,” Miller said of Menius, citing his long association with arts organizations, including experience with marketing and sponsorships.

“Just as important, he has experience with nonprofits, with grant writing and fundraising and those sorts of things.”

THE CARRBORO CITIZEN

HOW TO REACH US

The Carrboro Citizen  
P.O. Box 248  
309 Weaver St., Suite 300 Carrboro, NC 27510

EDITORIAL news@carrborocitizen.com

ADVERTISING marty@carrborocitizen.com / 942-2100 ext. 2

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Carrboro Citizen is free to pick up at our many locations throughout Carrboro, Chapel Hill, Pittsboro and Hillsborough. Subscriptions are also available via first class mail and are \$85 per year. Send a check to The Citizen, Post Office Box 248, Carrboro, N.C. 27510. Visa/Mastercard are also accepted. Please contact Anne Billings at 919-942-2100 for credit card orders.

942-2100

MICKEY HART BAND

WIN 2 FREE TIX!

TUE APRIL 17  
LIVE AT CAT'S CRADLE

To enter: send name and phone number to: contest@carrborocitizen.com by noon on Monday, April 16 please include "Mickey Hart Tix" in the subject line

NEED MULCH?  
WE'VE GOT IT.

ORANGE COUNTY LANDFILL  
Eubanks Rd. Chapel Hill  
Mon-Fri 8AM-4PM  
Sat 7:30-12 NOON  
Conventional Yard Waste Mulch: \$22 / 3 cubic yards  
Decorative "Red" Mulch & Organic Compost: \$28 / 1 cubic yard  
We load, you tarp. Trucks and trailers only. Delivery is available.  
Orange County Solid Waste Management  
(919) 968-2188 / recycling@co.orange.nc.us  
www.co.orange.nc.us/recycling

WIN TWO 4-DAY PASSES  
to the Shakori Hills Grassroots Festival of  
Music & Dance - April 19 thru 22.

Email the word "Shakori" along with your name and phone number to contest@carrborocitizen.com by Sunday, April 15.  
Winner chosen by random drawing on Monday, April 16.



# Stallings delivers total package

BY EDDY LANDRETH  
Staff Writer

Senior catcher Jacob Stallings assured Carolina baseball of a hefty bonus when he decided to return to college for his senior season instead of entering the Major League Baseball draft in 2011.

“I’ve been really good in the clutch, and I’ve had times when I didn’t get it done,” Stallings said. “The times when you don’t get it done are when you really learn. You go back and think, ‘What was I thinking? What was my mentality?’ You try to make adjustments.”

“I just try to stay as calm as I can, especially in big situations. What I’ve learned is you can’t be on deck and say to yourself, ‘Oh, crap, I’m up with the bases loaded.’ Now I’ve been preparing myself one or two innings ahead of time, when I say I’m going to have a big at-bat coming up; I need to get ready for it.”

Much of the Tar Heels’ ultimate success rests on Stallings’ mature shoulders, coach Mike Fox said.

“He’s a warrior,” Fox said. “He loves to win. He loves to win so much. We would not be where we are if that boy had not come back to school. He’s a winner. There is probably nobody who I would want in the [batter’s] box in a crucial situation more than him.”

“He gives you everything he’s got, and sometimes it ain’t real pretty. But he gets the job done. He’s our spiritual leader. He’s the emotional leader of our team. He’s most definitely the leader on our team. Everybody looks to him for some guidance when things aren’t going so well.”

All has not gone well. All-American third baseman Colin Moran broke his right hand and underwent surgery. He is expected to miss as much as a month of the season, if not more.

There is simply no easy replacement for one of the best hitters in collegiate baseball. But Stallings said this team will not



UNC baseball senior catcher Jacob Stallings has helped lead his team through adversity this season. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE JEFFREY CAMARATI, UNC ATHLETICS

*“We would not be where we are if that boy had not come back to school.”*

— Mike Fox

just roll over and die for anyone.

“As poorly as we may be playing, as many mistakes as we may be making, we haven’t lost a series the whole year,” Stallings said. “We lost the first game to N.C. State and we lost the first game to Wake [Forest], but we still managed to win the series. That is what it’s all about. The past couple of weeks without Colin, we’ve had some close games, and ... we found a way to win.”

One way to win is through pitching. The Tar Heels’ young pitchers benefit from Stallings’ experience.

“Our pitchers feel really comfortable throwing to him,” Fox said. “We just have to keep him healthy and keep him strong. Jacob is really smart. He knows the strengths and weaknesses of all those pitchers. We’re trying not to micromanage every single pitch.”

Stallings is a classic example of a genuine student-athlete: an intelligent, effective producer on the field and a leader on and

of it.

He could have entered the 2011 baseball draft. Major League Baseball still utilizes a huge number of rounds in its draft, while both the National Basketball Association and the National Football League have cut the number of rounds in their drafts to far fewer than in the past.

The NBA has dropped to two rounds, even as the league added more teams. The NFL has not cut its draft that much, but it still drafts far fewer players than it did for many years.

Stallings comes from a coach’s family (his father, Kevin, is head men’s basketball coach at Vanderbilt), which helps him understand the value of an education, even as so many of the game’s best athletes could care less given the amount of money they could make playing ball.

A coach’s son is more likely to see how short a career can be because of injuries and the odds against anyone earning a spot on a professional roster. This is especially true for baseball. The degree of difficulty in this game stalls many a career.

Then there is the pure enjoyment of being a collegiate athlete. Stallings enjoys being a Tar Heel.

“I love this school,” Stallings said. “I love our team. I love everything about Carolina and

about Carolina baseball. I knew I wanted to come back for my senior year even before the draft last year. I’m going to graduate.

“I look forward to every single day. I look forward to coming down to the stadium and being around my teammates. I wouldn’t trade that for anything.”

But he would like to add a national championship to his resume, not just another trip to the College World Series.

“Last year we knew we were going to beat Stanford twice,” Stallings said. “We knew we were going to win the first two games of that series and go to Omaha. That is something you build over the course of a season, that kind of confidence.”

“They were one of the most talented teams in the country last year,” Stallings said, “and we didn’t care. We were going to win no matter what. We knew that. We have a bunch of new guys in our program, and as leaders, Mike [Morin] and Jimmy [Messier] have really tried to instill the emphasis that we don’t want to just go to Omaha this year.

“We want to win the national championship. We felt it was important to emphasize that so early because we have so many young guys. To help them learn that is the goal, that is the expectation and that is the intensity they need to play with every day.”

# Residents confused, concerned about transit plans

BY ROSE LAUDICINA  
Staff Writer

At the first of two public outreach sessions on Orange County’s proposed transit plan, residents called for more time to understand the plan and questioned its benefits for the rural community.

Held during the Orange County Board of Commissioners meeting Tuesday night, the public hearing enabled residents to provide comments, including suggestions for improvement, to the commissioners.

“Our primary goal here is to hear comments on the transit plan from members of the public,” Commissioner Bernadette Pelissier said. “Commissioners will address the comments later and modify the plan as needed.”

But some residents said that before they could provide feedback and suggestions, they would have to understand the plan.

“Citizens throughout the county are confused,” Mary Carter told the board. “Before you decide to place another sales tax on the ballot, shouldn’t our citizens be educated about the plan?”

To help fund the transit plan, which includes light rail between Durham and Chapel Hill, improved bus transit around the county and an Amtrak train station in Hillsborough, the commissioners are considering adding a half-cent sales tax to the November ballot.

Durham voters have already approved a sales tax to help fund their portion of the transit plan.

Bonnie Hauser, president of Orange County Voice, asked the commissioners to provide more educational opportunities to the public regarding the plan, adding that she thought the plan was too complicated to be squeezed in between agenda items.

“We have to ask, what’s the rush?” Hauser said. “We believe that citizens would be better served with an informational

briefing. We need more time before we can give you constructive input.”

While some residents called for more time to consider the transit plan, others came to the hearing to address concerns about the plan’s benefits to the rural community, which accounts for about 40 percent of Orange County’s population.

Alex Castro, a member of the county’s advisory board on aging, said he was specifically concerned with rural residents older than 65 not being provided with adequate transportation in the current plan.

“This is a significant demographic that needs to be considered in the plan to improve mobility and transit services,” Castro said.

“You have various health providers ... building facilities out in the rural community, but how will those elderly get to those services?”

Commissioner Steve Yuhasz agreed with concerns about the proportion of services being allocated to rural areas.

“I would like to see some evidence that the 40 percent of the population in Orange County that resides outside the urban area ... will derive some sort of significant benefit from this transportation plan,” Yuhasz said.

After discussing the plan and taking note of the public’s comments, the commissioners agreed that despite the 19 public workshops held by Triangle Transit as the plan was being developed, the public should have additional opportunities to learn about the transit plan.

Two informational meetings, which have yet to be scheduled, will be held in April. At the meetings, multiple representatives with expertise in different areas of transit will be available to speak one on one with residents and answer their questions.

The next public hearing about the transit plan is scheduled for April 17.

## SUPER CROSSWORD TEA PARTY

ACROSS

1 Clean the decks

5 "Portnoy's Complaint" author

9 "Woe is me!"

13 Strength

18 — Krishna

19 Neutral tone

20 Manifest

21 Pointless

22 What the Three Stooges drank

24 What Yo-Yo Ma drank

26 — pole

27 "American Pie" singer

29 Overshoe

30 Range rope

32 Synthetic fiber

34 Brahman or lama

38 Broadway baker

41 Vulgar

43 He may woo owe

45 Concerning

46 What Sasquatch drank

49 What Queen Victoria drank

52 Oklahoma city

53 Bull in a china shop

54 Exploit

55 Crucifix

56 "Howards —" (92 film)

57 Had a hunch

60 Nonclerical

62 Assumed mane?

64 German chemist

66 Hound or hamster

67 Furtid

68 Outtake

72 On the ball

74 What F. Lee Bailey drank

78 Billow

79 Longed for

81 Address abbr.

82 Exist

84 Tragic fate

85 What's between Serena and Martina

86 Bat wood

87 — clover

90 Paddle

93 Siren one: abbr.

95 Steel support

97 Myriads of moons

98 — Jima

101 What Isaac Newton drank

103 What Martha Stewart drank

106 Reside

107 Eyebrow shape

109 The sky, at times?

110 Beginning

111 Bright inventor?

114 Make Fido fetch

116 Starts a lawn

118 Banyan or baobab

120 Refer (to)

122 — point

125 What Lech Walesa drank

129 What Gregor Mendel drank

132 Saying

133 Take the reins

134 Pennsylvania port

135 Atty.-to-be's ordeal

136 Steven of "Wings"

137 Guam, for one: abbr.

138 Horned vipers

139 Actress

140 Veronica

141 "Quiet!"

142 Stick around

143 Singer

144 Guthrie

145 '60s phenome-

146 non

147 5 French city

148 6 "Fall back" mo.

149 Aftershocks

150 Former Cong. group

151 For the birds

152 Loewe's lyricist

153 — deco

154 Pencil piece

155 Sun screen

156 41 Possessed

157 Citrus cooler

158 Deli choice

159 Kind of clasp

160 Makes money

161 70 — trip

162 Sleep stage

163 Roman fountain

164 Helium or hydrogen

165 Plant pest

166 77 — Claire, WI

167 80 "L—, c'est moi!"

168 Wells creatures

169 In pieces

170 Feast's alternative

171 City near Provo

172 Produced a cryptogram

173 90 Eye amorously

174 91 Parched

175 Sitarist Shankar

176 94 "Cry — River" ('55 song)

177 96 "El Libertador"

178 99 Elfin

179 100 — bran

180 102 Trace

181 104 Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy

182 105 Teach

183 108 Kiauea, for one

184 112 Court cry

185 113 Teachers' org.

186 115 "Doe, —, a female . . ."

187 117 Rapiers

188 119 Formerly, formerly

189 121 Perlman of "Cheers"

190 123 "— Heartache" (78 hit)

191 124 Shipbuilding wood

192 125 Shorten a slat

193 126 Horatian creation

194 127 Research site

195 128 Idologue's suffix

196 130 Tear

197 131 Demolished dessert

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

29

30

31

32

33

34

35

36

37

38

39

40

41

42

43

44

45

46

47

48

49

50

51

52

53

54

55

56

57

58

59

60

61

62

63

64

65

66

67

68

69

70

71

72

73

74

75

76

77

78

79

80

81

82

83

84

85

86

87

88

89

90

91

92

93

94

95

96

97

98

99

100

101

102

103

104

105

106

107

108

109

110

111

112

113

114

115

116

117

118

119

120

121

122

123

124

125

126

127

128

129

130

131

132

133

134

135

136

137

138

139

© 2012 King Features Synd., Inc. All rights reserved.

## CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

For example, YAPHCYAPLM is WORDSWORTH. One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the two O's, Y for the two W's, etc.. Apostrophes, punctuation, the length and formation of the words are all hints.

### The Awful Truth?

K M K F O V O R J X , F I ' V

D J J A D K A I Z Q O C N J X .

- E Q I R K V I X Z J Y O G O ,

J X Z F I R F J J Z K X L

V I O Z F J M Z Q O C N J X

G O Q Z K X , R I N I X Z I I X ,

Y C O X I K L F Y J Q F J J V

P O Z U F N J D T X Z I I Q

K X M D J Q K V O .

Find the answer in the puzzle answer section.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   | 4 |   |   | 7 | 8 |   | 3 |   |
|   |   | 1 | 6 |   |   |   |   | 5 |
| 9 | 6 |   |   |   | 3 | 4 |   |   |
| 2 |   | 4 |   | 9 |   | 3 |   |   |
|   | 8 |   | 1 |   |   |   | 9 |   |
| 6 |   |   |   |   | 7 |   |   | 1 |
|   | 5 |   | 4 |   |   | 7 |   |   |
|   |   | 9 |   |   | 2 |   | 1 | 8 |
| 3 |   |   |   | 8 |   |   | 4 |   |

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

© 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.

## The 15th. Annual Community Dinner

Sit down with a stranger, leave with a friend

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2012 AT 1PM

MCDOUGLE SCHOOL CAFETORIUM

Old Fayetteville Rd., Carrboro

Join us as we celebrate the diversity in our community by sharing wonderful food prepared by local restaurants and community groups and enjoying our entertainment, which reflects the cultural patchwork of our region.

Advance purchase of tickets is recommended at these locations:

Carrboro Branch Library at Mc Dougle School

Carrboro Cybrary at the Century Center

Mama Dip's Kitchen, 408 W. Rosemary St.

Horace Williams House, 610, E Rosemary St.

Orange County Library, Hillsborough

Signs Now Occasions, 1322 N Fordham Blvd

FRANK Gallery, 109 E. Franklin St.

Townsend, Bertram and Company in Carr Mill

The Ink Spot, 501 W Main St.

For more information call 969-3006 or online at communitydinner.org

Thanks to  
THE CARRBORO CITIZEN  
Your local newspaper since 2007

Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 10 and under



Briefs



Carrboro High TRU students on Kick Butts Day, from left: Kholiswa Tsotetsi, Vanessa Amoako, Brittany Eggleston and Sharon Dominguez  
PHOTO COURTESY OF ORANGE COUNTY TRU

Kick Butts Day

On March 21, thousands of youths in every state spoke out on national “Kick Butts Day” to discourage their peers and others from tobacco use. Orange County Tobacco. Reality. Unfiltered. (TRU) teens joined in spreading the word.  
TRU members from all five Orange County high schools educated their peers on the dangers of tobacco use in fun and creative ways, like showing films, leading discussions and hosting trivia games. TRU members also collected more than 300 signatures of support for continued tobacco prevention funding in North Carolina.

Earth Action Day race

On April 14, the East Chapel Hill Rotary Club and Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation will present the first annual 5k at Earth Action Day lifestyle race and 1-mile family fun run from 10 a.m. until noon at Southern Community Park. Afterward, the Town of Chapel Hill’s Annual Earth Action Day Festival will take place at the park from noon until 5 p.m.  
Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in the men’s and women’s categories, and for “Best Green Costume.” Fees are \$30 per person or \$70 for families of three or more ahead of time, with on-site registration starting at 10 a.m. for an additional \$5. For more information or to register, visit townofchapelhill.org/earthday.

French fundraiser

French students from Phillips Middle School overcame inclement weather to raise \$425 for the Ronald McDonald House by entertaining elementary school French students on the morning of Saturday, March 24. The Phillips students operated carnival-type booths at East Chapel Hill High School to raise money. They also judged French poems recited by the elementary schoolers.

Glenwood Read-A-Thon success

Students read almost 750,000 minutes and raised close to \$4,000 for the PTA during the 2012 Glenwood Read-A-Thon. Because they met their goal of 500,000 minutes, the top readers in each class played a game of basketball with and against their teachers, with the student-led team coming out on top.  
Ms. Ouyang’s class won a \$100 gift certificate from Flyleaf Books for their average of 2,331 minutes per student – about 39 hours of reading per student in only two weeks. Ms. Sheer’s, Ms. West’s and Mr. Leak’s classes were close behind.

CHS teacher wins physiology fellowship

Carrboro High School science teacher Rebecca Hite has received a fellowship from Frontiers in Physiology, the American Physiological Society’s flagship program for the professional development of middle and high school science teachers. Through the program, teachers and physiologists work collaboratively to improve science education at middle and high school levels. Ms. Hite will be working during the summer with Dr. Monte Willis at UNC.

School Lunch Menus

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>FRIDAY 4/6</b><br>Spring Break  | w/Garlic Bread, BBQ Chicken Sandwich, Spinach Salad, Seasoned Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Banana, Fresh Strawberries  |
| <b>MONDAY 4/9</b><br>Spring Break  |  |
| <b>TUESDAY 4/10</b><br>Elementary: Chicken Pot Pie, Cheese Pizza, Bagel w/Yogurt & Peanut Butter; Seasoned Black Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Pineapple Cup, Raisins<br>Middle and High School: Enchilada Pie, Brown Rice, Cheesy Refried Beans, Buffalo Chicken Poppers w/ Tater Tots, Twisted Cheese Stix w/ Pizza Sauce | Middle and High School: Chicken & Cheese Calzone, Bacon Cheeseburger w/Oven Fries, Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Wheat Roll, Seasoned Turnip Greens   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY 4/11</b><br>Elementary: Vegetable Lasagna   | <b>THURSDAY 4/12</b><br>Elementary: Roasted Chicken w/ Brown Rice, Hamburger, Fruit & Cheese Plate w/Yogurt<br>Middle and High School: Sesame Chicken, Oriental Brown Rice, Peach Crumble, Locally Grown Baked Sweet Potatoes, Toasted Cheese w/Sweet Potato Fries, Cheeseburger Pizza |

Carrboro High principal resigns

BY KEVIN COLLINS  
Staff Writer

Carrboro High School Principal Kelly Batten has announced he will step down at the end of this school year to join Chatham County Schools as the district’s executive director of secondary education at the start of July.  
Batten is the second principal in Carrboro High’s history, and he joined the school in August 2008, a year after it opened. He said his longtime goal, even before his teaching career, was to be a high school principal.

“It happened a lot sooner than I thought it would,” Batten said. “I began to look at other ways



Kelly Batten

of leadership within schools, and I became really interested in district-level leadership. “I suddenly came upon this opportunity. The timing’s never right because change can be difficult, but this was ap-

pealing to me to get to work on the district level.”  
Batten does not know who his replacement will be, but he said the school has already announced their hiring timeline and process. He’ll miss the relationships with students and teachers at Carrboro High and the tight community that formed under his leadership, but also the positive direction in which the school is headed.  
“There’s this real passion, and always has been, among the staff for constantly looking at what we do and getting better, smarter,

more efficient,” Batten said. “I’m going to miss that environment.”  
He said his replacement will inherit a school with great potential, and he’s sure the next principal will continue to build on the tradition of excellence Batten worked to develop during his tenure.  
“I think this school is a wonderful opportunity for leadership, for instructional leadership,” Batten said. “I’m going to miss being part of that, but I just think the school is a fantastic place.”

REACTION  
FROM PAGE 1

ing at 201 N. Greensboro St. – over the rights of property and business owners.  
“Allowing this behavior to almost have a town endorsement is incomprehensible,” she said. In an interview Friday, Seaton said board members whose politics interfered with their abilities to fulfill their oath of office should step down.  
Seaton said she had spoken with a number of Carrboro business owners who shared her

“Allowing this behavior to almost have a town endorsement is incomprehensible” — Debra Seaton

concerns and who “feel that they have almost completely lost control over business expansion and redevelopment of properties that they own.”  
Cliff Collins, owner of Cliff’s Meat Market, said he felt that board members needed to support police Chief Carolyn Hutchison, who he said is supported by many business owners. “I think they need to go back

and apologize to the police. If they don’t have a goal to do that, they need to go home and let somebody else take their place,” he said.  
Collins said Seaton was speaking for a number of Carrboro business owners when she spoke before the board.  
“We are all standing behind Debra Seaton,” he said.  
Collins said he shared Seaton’s

concern regarding control of his property. Should he want to sell his property – which he has no plans to do – Collins said he would likely face difficulty finding a buyer to pay its true value, since buyers know how difficult it can be to make changes to properties in Carrboro.  
The board has said it will have a larger policy discussion with regard to civil disobedience.

RECENTLY  
FROM PAGE 1

gardens (including the N.C. Botanical Garden), as well as the Marson Garden down N.C. 54 West on Hatch Road, the Hoke Garden north of I-40 on Stoneridge Drive, and the student garden on the south edge of town at Mary Scroggs Elementary School in Southern Village.  
“We had a call for gardens during the 2010 tour, and the steering committee went to see all the gardens nominated,” said Carol Candler, co-chair of the tour committee. “The ones that would work best were spread all around.” She also mentioned the school garden tour. “It was a nice and interesting addition. Each classroom has its own plot. One class grows herbs that it gives to Pazzo,” the Italian restaurant in Southern Village.  
Since 1952, the N.C. Botanical Garden (NCBG) has grown from its original 70 forested acres to 700 acres. In 2000, a large donation led the way to the building of a new Visitor Education Center that earned LEED Platinum status with its completion in 2009. The garden tour has provided the NCBG with more than \$120,000 since it started in 1996. This “community support” fulfills the parameters of a

large gift bestowed years ago by the Reeves Foundation.  
But much like the rose with its thorns, the tour, as valuable as it is to the NCBG, provides challenges for garden staff. Last week while walking about the garden, I spoke with several staff and mentioned the garden tour. Each one had the same reaction – a visible flinch. The thought of the tour and all the extra work required brought instant stress – yet each one quickly expressed their gratitude for the hard work they know others put into the weekend when people from all over the state and beyond come to appreciate the natural beauty of Chapel Hill to the benefit of the NCBG.  
We all want our gardens to look perfect for visitors, but professional gardeners seem especially fixed upon making a good impression.  
Some of the public may expect instant progress, but gardening is a process that can’t be rushed. With the new Visitor Education Center came many new areas to be contoured and planted, but during construction came the unexpected recession with hiring freezes and fund shortages. Planting new beds had to be put on hold until funds were raised to build an expansive, \$57,000 fence to keep deer out. The soil around the new build-

ing had been heavily compacted through the construction process and required much working and amending. Meanwhile, the rest of the NCBG (which includes several other sites besides the Mason Farm Road location) had to be maintained, but with the hiring freeze, there were no extra hands. The answer to this too has been “community support” through the enthusiasm and muscle of a continual cadre of volunteers.  
Now, as visitors park in the new, non-impervious parking lot and walk on new paths toward the long-established gardens, they pass recently established native plants, providing new gardeners with the vision of how their own beds may look. Once inside, they see the interplay of mature versions of the same plants they passed outside flourishing among companion native plants. Inside the new complex grounds, they will see more new beds being established, and can envision how this area will look in years to come.  
The ongoing process of a garden stimulates and tires the gardener while never ceasing to amaze and re-energize. Whet your green thumb or get inspired with ideas for your own yard

while strolling through historical gardens on East Franklin and Boundary streets, on Gimghoul, Senlac and Stagecoach Roads, and West Cameron Avenue, plus the other mentioned outlying gardens. Each one holds its own delights and surprises.  
Some tour stops will even offer garden items like birdhouses made by Simone Barbe (at Mary Capel’s garden), lavender plants from Sunshine Lavender Farm (at Marson Garden) and Chihuly-style glass by Pringle Teeter at Eva Hoke’s garden, where she will be selling her own honey. Additionally, the NCBG will feature 10 well-known artists working *en plein air*, capturing nature in new paintings. Locals can make a weekend of it!  
Buy your ticket booklet (filled with valuable information including maps and terrain ratings) before the tour for \$25 at Wild Bird Center, A Southern Season, Southern States or the NCBG; or \$30 on days of the tour at any tour garden. More information and ticket purchase can also be found at chapelhill-gardentour.net

Contact Valarie Schwartz at valariekays@mac.com or (919) 923-3746.

# Cliff’s Meat Market

## SIZZLIN’SAVINGS

|   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <b>All-Natural CHICKEN</b><br>\$1.49/lb                 | <b>ANGUS NY Strip Steak</b><br>CUT TO ORDER<br>\$7.99/lb | <b>HAND-DIPPED Oysters</b><br>\$12.99/pint |
| <b>ALL-NATURAL Ground Chuck</b><br>\$2.99/lb            | Come See Us For All Your Easter Needs                    | <b>Fresh Country Sausage</b><br>\$2.49/lb  |
| <b>All-Natural Boneless Chicken Breast</b><br>\$2.99/lb | <b>PORK CHOPS</b><br>CUT TO ORDER<br>\$2.99/lb           | <b>Skirt Steak</b><br>\$6.49/lb            |

Prices good thru 4/12/12 **RENTING PARTY CHAIRS & TABLES!**

**100 WEST MAIN ST., CARRBORO**  
**919-942-2196 ★ MON-SAT 9am-6pm**

carrborocitizen.com  
/classifieds

# FAIR HOUSING...

*It is not an option; it is the LAW!!*

The Orange County Civil Rights Ordinance and the Federal Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of:

- Race
- Color
- Sex
- National Origin
- Veterans Status
- Disability
- Religion
- Age
- Familial Status (families with children)

The laws apply to any party involved, directly or indirectly, in a housing transaction, e.g. the sale, rental or financing of housing. This includes landlords, property managers, real estate brokers, appraisers and mortgage lenders.

**If you feel that you have been a victim of housing discrimination**  
**Call 919 245-2487 with questions or to file a complaint.**

**ORANGE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**  
Post Office Box 8181  
300 West Tryon Street  
Hillsborough, North Carolina 27278  
**919 245-2487**



THE CARRBORO  
CITIZEN

Since 2007

Your Community Newspaper  
Locally Owned & Operated

Tillis’ self-defeating cynicism

CHRIS FITZSIMON

It is now just a month before voters in North Carolina will decide if discrimination will be written into the state constitution and thousands of families, gay and straight, will lose benefits and rights because of the broad, sweeping language of the amendment approved by the Republican-led General Assembly last year.

Polls continue to show that voters are divided. While a majority still opposes same-sex marriage, a clear majority also supports some sort of legal recognition for gay couples.

And most voters do not support denying unmarried couples employee benefits, domestic-violence protections or equal treatment when it comes to wills and trusts, all things the overly broad amendment could do despite the desperate assurances otherwise of House Majority Leader Paul Stam, a driving force in the amendment’s passage.

The outcome on May 8 is likely to come down to how many voters realize how much damage it will do to families in North Carolina. The momentum is clearly with the folks opposing the discrimination amendment, as more prominent conservatives like former Charlotte Mayor and Republican Richard Vinroot speak out against it.

Vinroot announced his opposition after House Speaker Thom Tillis told an audience at N.C. State last week the amendment would be repealed in 20 years or less because younger people don’t support it.

A flabbergasted Vinroot told the *Charlotte Observer*, “My gosh, the legislature wants us to put something in the Constitution that the leader of our party – the speaker of the House – doesn’t think will stand the test of time for more than a decade. I can’t imagine amending the Constitution for something he believes is that tenuous.”

Tillis cannot only imagine it, he can encourage it – and he did just two days later. In a statement released from his office Tillis expressed strong support for the amendment and said he planned to vote for it to “honor the traditional definition of marriage as between one man and one woman.”

Apparently, Tillis was called to account by powerful interests on the right for expressing not even reservations but just simply stating the discrimination wouldn’t last.

He was quick to get back in line, but the damage was done, and the cynical veil of intolerance lifted another inch or two.

Thoughtful Republicans like Vinroot can’t sit idly by while their party caters to the extremists and hurts families in the process. It will be a surprise if more conservatives don’t make similar statements before May 8.

Tillis ought to be ashamed of himself, but doesn’t seem to be. And maybe that’s too much to expect of a politician who clearly has higher ambitions that trump any sense of decency and respect.

But this whole episode is likely to come back to haunt Tillis and his fellow Republicans in the years to come, whether they prevail with their discrimination message on May 8 or not.

People are waking up to the extremism that Republicans are willing to support or at least manipulate for their short-term political gain.

Tillis is right that the next generation of voters won’t put up with it. And they will be voting on a lot more than marriage amendments.

Chris Fitzsimon is the executive director of N.C. Policy Watch.

STAFF & CONTRIBUTORS

EDITORIAL

Robert Dickson, Publisher  
Susan Dickson, Editor  
Kirk Ross, Taylor Sisk Contributing Editors  
Duncan Hoge, Art Director  
Rose Laudicina, Staff Writer  
Eddy Landreth, Margot Lester, Phil Blank, Jock Lauterer, Ken Moore, Vicky Dickson, Valarie Schwartz Contributors  
Brooke Parker, Kevin Collins, Alex McClelland, Lauren Edmonds, Madelyn Cory Interns  
Alicia Stemper, Ava Barlow, Alex Maness Photographers

ADVERTISING

Marty Cassidy, Ad Director  
marty@carrborocitizen.com

OPERATIONS

Anne Billings, Office Coordinator  
anne@carrborocitizen.com

DISTRIBUTION

Chuck Morton, Wendy Wenck  
Published Thursdays  
by Carrboro Citizen, LLC.



Opposition to Amendment One is broad and bipartisan

MIKE MENO

When the North Carolina General Assembly voted late last year – without much notice or any public testimony – to place on the May 8 ballot a constitutional amendment that would make marriage between a man and woman the only legally protected relationship in the state, the move was met with widespread outrage from civil rights groups. Organizations like the American Civil Liberties Union and Equality North Carolina condemned the proposed amendment as an assault on basic freedoms, and hundreds of North Carolinians rallied outside the State Capitol to protest the General Assembly’s vote for what is now known as Amendment One.

As more people have learned about Amendment One’s many unintended consequences and far-reaching harms, from jeopardizing the health insurance of children raised by unmarried couples to endangering domestic-violence protections for unmarried women, the number of voices speaking out in opposition has only grown. Bank of America executives have warned that Amendment One’s ban on domestic-partner benefits would be bad for business and detrimental to North Carolina’s competitiveness in an unstable economy. Child-welfare advocates have voiced concerns that Amendment One would threaten existing health care and parental custody for thousands of children being raised by loving but unmarried couples, both gay and straight. Religious leaders from many different faiths have denounced Amendment One’s divisiveness and the harm it would cause to countless families. And North Carolina NAACP President William Barber has condemned any attempt to write discrimination against a class of people into the state constitution, a document that is designed to defend people’s rights, not diminish them.

Today, more than 120 organizations, congregations and businesses from across the state have joined together to fight Amendment One as the Coalition to Protect All NC Families, and a poll released Monday by Elon University shows that a majority of North Carolina residents are opposed to Amendment One. Unfortunately, most other polls have shown that a slim majority of likely voters would still vote for the amendment on May 8, largely because many voters remain confused or uninformed about all the amendment’s potential harms. “When voters are informed that the amendment bans both gay marriage and civil unions their tune changes quite a bit,” says Tom Jensen of Public Policy Polling, adding that, “It’s just going to take a lot of education and effort over the final [five] weeks to make sure voters really understand exactly what they’re voting on.”

But as May 8 draws closer, the chorus of opposition to Amendment One continues to grow louder – and now even includes

many respected voices from the conservative end of the political spectrum. John Hood, president of the John Locke Foundation, a conservative think-tank, recently wrote that amending North Carolina’s constitution to ban civil unions “is unwise and unfair.” North Carolina Supreme Court Justice Bob Orr, another prominent conservative, recently said, “Any provision that has to be put into the ‘miscellaneous’ section of the constitution immediately raises questions about whether it should be in the state constitution. It’s probably not a provision that ought to be in.” The Libertarian Party of North Carolina has opposed the amendment as an assault on individual liberty and the freedom of private individuals to make decisions about their own life and family. U.S. Rep. Renee Ellmers (R-Dunn), recently ranked as North Carolina’s most conservative representative in Congress, and Republican Richard Vinroot, former mayor of Charlotte and GOP candidate for governor, have also said they plan to vote against Amendment One for similar reasons.

Even North Carolina House Speaker Thom Tillis (R-Mecklenburg), who helped shepherd Amendment One’s passage through the General Assembly, says he has some philosophical reservations about the amendment because “we’re the party of limited government. We always have to be mindful of the extent to which we exercise the control of government and holding true to this concept of really limiting the control that government has over people’s lives.”

Noting the rising “generational” support for protecting the rights of gays and lesbians in North Carolina and nationally, Tillis said that even if Amendment One passes, it will be repealed within 20 years.

The fact that such statements are coming from a chief backer of Amendment One speaks volumes. Constitutions are designed to protect rights and stand the test of time. So why would anyone support amending North Carolina’s constitution with a controversial measure they believe would last fewer than 20 years?

Luckily, our state doesn’t have to wait that long to strike down Amendment One. That’s because the opposition to this short-sighted and discriminatory measure – from all political persuasions and all parts of the state – is gaining increased momentum every day.

The more people understand Amendment One’s many harms, the more people realize that North Carolina should not go down this road.

On May 8, please cast a vote to protect all families and children in North Carolina, and vote against Amendment One.

Mike Meno is the communications manager for the ACLU of North Carolina.

A look at state races

As you may have noticed from reading this series of elections-related columns, oddly shaped districts and their influence on who runs and who is elected has been a theme.

There is no more oddly shaped electoral area than the Old North State itself. I doubt if anyone in modern times would have intentionally drawn up a geopolitical unit running from a broad swath of the Atlantic coast to a narrow stinger in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Chalk the borders up to the British (mostly) and their colonial proclivities, which included a rather curious sense of geography.

One upshot of all that vastly different territory under one government has been a historical tug-of-war between regions, mainly between the mountains and the east. To run statewide, you’ve always had to have a strong base and a good road show. Now, with a state growing more urban every day and spread out across a half-dozen television markets, you also have to be able to tap into a good deal of campaign money.

Looking at the primaries for governor, lieutenant governor and council of state, there are few candidates with any statewide recognition, few with money and only a couple with both.

Polling last month showed how that’s playing out with likely voters, with former Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory holding a commanding lead over his lesser-known and underfunded rivals.

The governor’s race on the Democratic side is far more dynamic, with a recent Public Policy Polling survey showing a slight edge for former U.S. Rep. Bob Etheridge, who ran and won statewide races for superintendent for public instruction before running for congress. Trailing Etheridge by only a few points is current Lt. Gov. Walter Dalton, who has also run statewide. Both men have enough money for a big television push close to the election and are polling far ahead of the rest

of the pack, which includes Orange County state Rep. Bill Faison. Faison has loaned himself more than \$572,000 and has been running an active campaign, but only drew 3 percent in the PPP results, coming in second to last.

The next notch down on the ballot features two drastically different primaries.

The GOP primary for lieutenant governor is a wide-open, five-way race. The candidates include state representatives Dale Folwell of Forsyth County and Grey Mills of Iredell County; Dan Forest, an architect and the son of retiring congresswoman Sue Myrick of Charlotte; Garland business consultant Arthur Rich; and Wake County Commissioner and former stock car driver Tony Gurley. The PPP poll has Forest at 11 percent, Folwell at 10 percent and Gurley at 9 percent.

On the Democratic side of the lieutenant governor primary there’s an interesting race shaping up between former state personnel director Linda Coleman of Knightdale and state Sen. Eric Mansfield of Fayetteville. Coleman, who recently won the endorsement of the State Employees Association of North Carolina, leads in the race with 26 percent to Mansfield’s 14 percent, according to PPP. With their fundraising close going into this year, the contest may prove a lot tighter than the early poll numbers indicate.

The winner will make history as the state’s first African-American to win a primary for lieutenant governor. Then comes a general election featuring the coattails of Barack Obama.

The lieutenant governor’s contest is a key race to watch this year because right now McCrory is running about 10 points ahead of the closest Democrat. Should he prevail in the fall, either Mansfield or Coleman could become the top Democratic elected official in the state. They would also be in an office thought to be the perfect stepping-stone to the governor’s mansion. Just ask Walter Dalton.

Issues with Chapel Hill 2020

DAVE SIDOR

During the March 26 Chapel Hill Town Council meeting a large group of citizens – representing various neighborhoods and CH2020 theme groups – related many concerns and suggestions about the ongoing Chapel Hill 2020 process.

In the town manager’s presentation to council, he asserted that the 2020 process was moving into the “review and refinement stage” and the comprehensive (vision and framework) plan is on track to be completed by June.

Unfortunately I have to disagree, and so do the 42 other citizens who signed a letter to council in which we shared our experiences as 2020 participants. We believe the 2020 work to date is far from finished and does not answer the fundamental question the council wants answered: How much and in what way do we want to grow?

Our primary concerns lie in the fact that – because of infrequent meeting times, lack of data and a mid-stream change in focus from creating the vision to evaluating specific land-use maps – we have not been given adequate time to formulate and discuss the guiding principles that will set the stage for more specific decisions like land-use and budgeting priorities.

Also missing is a community discussion and analysis of all the information gathered. And glaringly absent is additional information such as: What are UNC and UNC Health Care projections, school capacity limitations and our office- and commercial-vacancy backlog? How many students will need to be housed by 2020? What new UNC medical facilities are planned? How much revenue do a retail store, an office building or apartments generate?

We have asked to evaluate the assumptions being used to drive decisions about growth, and no opportunity to do so to date has been given. Additionally, we question using the results from the fleeting 60-plus-minute mapping exercises and surveys to make important land-use recommendations and zoning-ordinance changes, especially as the 2020 vision is not yet agreed.

Our points were further emphasized by council member Matt Czajkowski, who pointed out that “consensus conclusions ... regarding the trade-offs that, overall, the community is willing to make have not yet been determined.” He went on to explain that compared to decisions on growth over the last decade, “We are at a different point. We potentially will transform the Chapel Hill we know; that’s a much bigger deal.” And finally he stated, “The fundamental question is how much growth do we want.”

Needless to say we agree regarding this key question! To date Chapel Hill 2020 leadership, town staff and citizen stakeholders have invested a great deal of time and energy into this process, and we are committed to its success. However, we think that, at this critical point, it is important for council to redefine the product so that it is truly a “vision” document that addresses the broad goals and objectives of our community.

In addition, we feel that they should work with CH2020 leadership and stakeholders to establish a process for additional public discussion of land-use decisions.

Finally, we have requested that maps and results of the Future Focus mapping exercises be left out of the June comprehensive plan, as we feel that they are not yet representative of citizen opinion and input.

Making these adjustments could push the deadline into fall. But most communities take 18-24 months to create a comprehensive plan; we took about that long to create the 2000 comprehensive plan. Additional time would bring opportunities for meaningful citizen discussion of the assumptions and the vision, including goals and objectives, to articulate what’s important to the entire community.

Dave Sidor is a participant in the Chapel Hill 2020 process.



REVALUATION  
FROM PAGE 1

market values.

The state requires counties to conduct property revaluations at a minimum of once every eight years, or within a shorter timeframe if sales show that most transactions are in excess of or below 15 percent of the tax valuation. Because assessed values are only 5 percent in excess of market values, the county could choose to delay the revaluation until as late as 2017.

In 2010, the Orange County Board of Commissioners voted to maintain the county's four-year property revaluation schedule, citing the need for transparency in the process. The board had considered delaying the next revaluation for two years given the relatively flat property values in the county at the time and the \$200,000-plus cost of a revaluation.

Until 1993, the county used a six-year revaluation cycle but then moved to a four-year cycle. With the 2009 revaluation, officials heard strong opinions about assessed values, which some property owners said were unfairly high.

Because assessed values are likely to decrease in the revaluation, the county and its municipalities would have to approve a tax increase in order to maintain current funding levels, Crayton said.

For Carrboro – where values have been more stable than in the rest of the county – the revaluation could cause a drop in property tax revenue of about \$590,000, meaning that the board would need to approve a 5.3 percent tax increase – 3.1 cents per \$100 of property valuation – to stay revenue-neutral.

Chapel Hill would need an 8.3 percent tax increase to maintain its property tax funding levels, while Orange County would need a 7.7 percent increase.

Board of aldermen member Sammy Slade questioned why the county would not choose to delay the revaluation given the low number of sales and the assessed value within the state's requirements.

Crayton said a delay could draw criticism from county residents, given that many property owners felt the 2009 assessed values were too high.

In other action Tuesday night, the board heard a report on greenhouse gas emissions from Town of Carrboro municipal operations and options for reduction. The town's single largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions are its streetlights, followed by police fuel, public works fuel, powering the Carrboro Century Center and powering Fire Station #1.

Board members said they would like to explore ways to reduce the energy used by streetlights through possible negotiations with Duke Energy, as well as other ways to reduce the town's overall greenhouse gas emissions.

LETTERS

**Charters promote competition**

I was completely aghast at Christine Bischoff's column ("Chartering Fast Track to Segregation" *The Carrboro Citizen*, 3/22/12), and here is why: Ms. Bischoff is on a crusade to indoctrinate everyone into the cult of multiculturalism/diversity. "Diversity" is a mere word describing America; it was born in this country by our founding fathers. America is already a diverse nation that requires no political movement, yet that is what the writer is a part of. Education is about learning, and not quotas. The student is best served when he or she has the convenience of waking up at a decent hour without having to rush to catch a bus simply to satisfy the diversity quota. Let the parent choose which school is the most convenient. Ms. Bischoff and her followers want forced busing even if it means inconveniencing the parents and their children.

As a "diversity" proponent, I assume Ms. Bischoff is pro-union as well. Thankfully, there are no unions at charter schools, which is just one of many reasons that they succeed. The students don't care about diversity because they see themselves as colorblind individuals who treat each other with respect and dignity. In addition, charters have done wonders for competition. They reward teachers and fire bad ones. The administration is open to new ideas, and a vast majority of the parents have a tight relationship with their schools. They work with teachers and administration together to provide transportation and come up with creative solutions to their problems. How do I know this? I have two daughters who were in Woods Charter in Chapel Hill, quite simply the finest school I have ever been a part of. Blacks, whites, Asians, Mexicans – charter schools have them all. Since they are a part of the public school system, charters are affordable for everyone. Judging by the waiting lists, there is a huge demand for this alternative education.

Competition is what the diversity proponents fear, for it may result in "inequality;" well, that's tough. The hardest-working students get ahead; the others simply must work harder. Competition drives America, and you strive to live up to your potential regardless of skin color. Unions do not want this. They want to dominate the entire educational

landscape, which they have smothered in red tape and bureaucracy. For their own selfish reasons Bischoff isn't concerned with the child's education, but rather promoting her "diversity" agenda.

RENE' DE LA VARRE  
*Chapel Hill*

**Let's vote on fracking**

I attended the public hearing in Chapel Hill at which the Department of Energy and Natural Resources stated they concluded that fracking could be done safely in N.C. I was shocked at the amount of scientific evidence presented by many knowledgeable speakers there on how dangerous this practice is.

I want this issue put before the N.C. public. Let's get the facts, all the facts, out there for people to analyze and come to their own conclusions, and let's have a public referendum. Let's VOTE. This is NOT an issue to be decided by the legislators only. Let's get town meetings going in every small town, in every church.

Fracking is a dangerous, dangerous practice, and it messes with our dearest resource – water. Fracking takes loads of clean water and contaminates it with a pile of chemicals that then have to somehow be cleaned out of our water. And where do we dispose of the chemicals, if they can even be cleaned out of our water?

If you own land, be very aware that you may be approached by some company who wants to lease your land. If you accept this, and they frack your land, its value may plummet, and all the side effects will come to your neighborhood – noise 24/7 from the drilling equipment and large trucks, water and air pollution, illnesses, poisoned soil. Be aware! The fracking companies are on the move around our state now.

Please let's get the word out: We want to vote on this issue, we want more information, we want to unite with knowledge - to keep fracking out of our lovely state.

BARBARA JANEWAY  
*Carrboro*

**Science, education and fracking**

On March 27 I attended a public meeting in which N.C. DENR discussed their provisional report concerning hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" in the state of North Carolina. A summary of this report was followed by citizens voicing their concerns

and/or support for this potential industrial presence.

First, I want to say thank you to all those who spoke out against this blatant disregard for science, for the environment, for the people of this planet. Several things were clear to this observer after listening to both young and old, male and female, North Carolinian or otherwise: We just don't know, and we don't want it here. The report, although provisional, raised many concerns about the situations developing in other states (namely Pennsylvania, my home state) as well as the costs and risks associated with this practice (wastewater management, well contamination, fish and wildlife safety, air and soil quality, etc.). So what does this have to do with education?

I have been a student of science all of my life. My mind is sharply logical, and I have a desire to acquire knowledge and use this knowledge in a very practical way. Alfred North Whitehead comments, "Your learning is useless to you till you have lost your text-books, burnt your lecture notes, and forgotten the minutiae which you learnt by heart for the examination. ... The function of a university is to enable you to shed detail in favor of principles." I would be disrespecting my formal education if I were to recommend that fracturing an underground shale base by introducing sand, water and highly volatile inorganic chemicals into the rock-base to obtain natural gas were a responsible idea. Why?

Water is life. Life is water. One cannot exist without the other. Our human existence relies on our unconscious ability to integrate this precious substance into our person. It is our life's blood in so many more ways than are immediately apparent (think of the development of global commerce and the navigation of vast bodies of water to bridge horizons). Ecosystems rely on water – water forges ecosystems. This precious resource is used and irreversibly contaminated as a result of fracking.

I will end with A.N. Whitehead: "... there can be no prospect of industrial peace so long as masters and men in the mass conceive themselves as engaged in a soulless operation of extracting money from the public." While "fracking" may not be soulless it is the ecologically disinterested operation of extracting

resources from the land. DENR – we demand your weighing of logic and science in making a responsible decision.

JAMES MYERS  
*Chapel Hill*

**Go Jags**

Just wanted to thank you for a great season of press for the CHS basketball team. It's not easy being the smaller school in town, and it's amazing how many people read the local papers. A special thanks for covering my son Keenan Van Name's 1,000-point accomplishment.

ADELA VAN NAME  
*Chapel Hill*

**Happy birthday, Citizen**

Just wanted to say congratulations on your fifth anniversary of publishing *The Carrboro Citizen*!

Thank you for this free and valuable newspaper. I live in Durham and go out of my way most weeks to pick it up. It allows me to catch up with what's going on in my neighboring towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill. I especially enjoy the Flora column each week. Keep up the good work please!

MICHELE MAKRUCCI  
*Durham*

**Schools should keep both language programs**

I sincerely hope that our school district stays representative of the values in our community, which celebrates diversity and multiculturalism. These values are echoed in our dual language (DL) programs. The DL programs not only teach our children foreign languages effectively, they teach our children to respect and want to learn about not only the target (i.e., Spanish or Chinese) culture, but all cultures, through the process of opening curious minds to a global world. Children that are of the target language blossom and take pride in their own language, while learning English more quickly and thoroughly than through ESL services. Children entering school who do not speak English can often withdraw, or learn to "adapt" and try to hide everything about themselves that is different. Our DL programs through their very nature let children know, "We want to learn about you! We want to teach you about us! We are all valued!" Even children entering the Chinese DL program who speak neither Chinese nor English as their first language do well in this program because ev-

eryone lets them know, "It's OK to speak another language, we are all struggling at times and we are all learning!"

Parents and teachers have come together to offer solutions to actual or perceived problems in the Dual Language Report issued by the Dual Language Administrative Team on March 26, 2012. The administrative team has stated that input will be considered before issuing a final report for the school board to vote on this May. We are ready to work with the CHCCS to strengthen the DL programs.

I hope the CHCCS district keeps both Spanish and Chinese programs going, instead of eliminating the Chinese while expanding the already larger Spanish program. I believe eliminating Chinese DL, especially as suddenly as is proposed, would be very damaging to our children, as they will be uprooted from the system they've been nurtured in. We have more than one minority population in our community and more than one global language that will benefit our children in the future. I hope CHCCS decides it values all of the above as much as the community we live in does.

ARDRA SALEM  
*Chapel Hill*

**Support for local yarn**

We the undersigned heartily support the proposed yarn-bombing ordinance (sic). It will go far to promote mind-bending, eco-centric public art and preserve an increasing rarity in our local public discourse today, the practice of yarn spinning. Many a fond memory in our lives was spent sitting with the older folks as they spun a good yarn. In fact, we were just wool-gathering the other day about favorite yarns and memorable spinners. Now that our Carrboro yarn-bombers have to keep it local, we hope other similar, well-intentioned regulations may be proposed. We also support a requirement that all Carrboro journalists (many of whom are accomplished yarn spinners) write their copy with quill feathers from locally sourced, free-range snipes. In support, we point to recent research at UNC by the renowned Dr. Leggs Puller indicating the use of such quills leads to wittier prose.

MOT NOSRAC  
ALEGNA L. LEZZIRF  
*Chapel Hill*



**LETTERS POLICY**

Letters should be no more than 425 words in length and must be accompanied by the author's name, address and contact information.

We will publish one letter per author per month. Lengthy letters written in longhand will mysteriously become lost. Emailed letters are preferred. That said, send your letters to:

**Letters to the editor**  
Box 248 Carrboro, NC 27510  
susan@carrborocitizen.com  
**FAX:** 919-942-2195



*Keeping Carrboro cute!*

**the beehive**


102 EAST WEAVER ST • TUESDAY – SATURDAY • 932-HIVE  
WWW.THEBEEHIVE-SALON.COM • WALK-INS WELCOME


**Past Forward**

*Personal memoirs and organizational histories created by local award-winning professionals.*

WWW.PASTFORWARD.ME

**CHUCK MORTON**  
Broker & Consultant  
919-636-2705  
carrbororealty.biz







**CARRBORO FAMILY VISION**  
full spectrum eye care services

**(919)968-6300**  
200 W. Weaver St., Carrboro, NC  
www.CarrboroFamilyVision.net

**The UPS Store** 

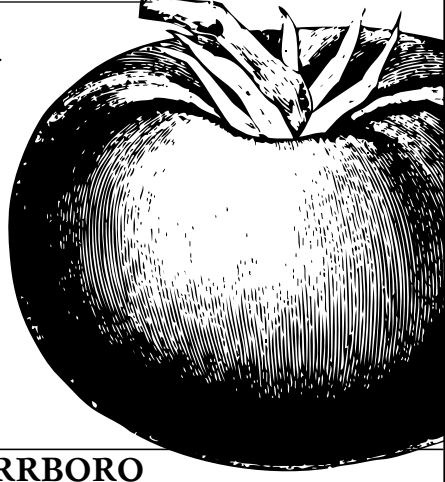
**Print Madness Sale**  
**25¢ Color Prints**  
Sale ends May 4


- UPS & Freight Shipping
- Document Shredding
- Mailbox & Postal Services
- Color & BW Printing
- Moving Supplies
- Passport Photos
- Notary Services
- Business Cards
- Document Design Services

**Carrboro Plaza Shopping Center**  
MON-FRI 8-6:30 • SAT 10-5  
**919.918.7161**  
store3651@theupsstore.com  
©2003 United Parcel Service, Inc.

**NOT YOUR GARDEN VARIETY GARDENING STORE**

- ★ Organic Plant Starts & Soil
- ★ Unique Plants, Most Local
- ★ Ceramic Pots
- ★ Cheese Making, Canning & Urban D.I.Y.



**FIFTH SEASON** 

**CARRBORO**  
106 S. GREENSBORO STREET • 932.7600  
WWW.FIFTHSEASONGARDENING.COM

**HYDROPONICS ★ HOMEBREW ★ ORGANIC GARDENING**  
WHERE DOING IT YOURSELF IS ALWAYS IN SEASON

**carrborocitizen.com/classifieds**







REAL ESTATE & CLASSIFIEDS

CLASSIFIED RATES \$5.00/issue for up to 15 words. Words over 15: \$0.35/word/issue.  
Place your classified ad online until **MIDNIGHT** Tuesday before publication!

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

**APT FOR RENT** in residence near Carrboro Plaza. 1BR/1BA, living room, kitchen w/ stove & fridge, hardwood floors, nice yard, private driveway & entrance. Water included. Quiet residential neighborhood. No smoking or pets. Suitable for single professional. \$600/ mo. 919-968-0766

HOUSE FOR RENT

**BRAND NEW HOUSE** 4 bedroom 4 bath, 1800 ft. 307 West Poplar. Ready for June. Easy floor plan to share. Has everything. Lots of light. Nice yard & patio; yardcare provided. \$2200./ mo; Lease and deposit. Floor plan and map at CoolBlueRentals.com 919-605-4810



**PASSIVE SOLAR** on 5 acres w/ quick walk to Haw River. Awesome setting with hardwood trees, screened porch, detached studio, pole barn. Inside is cozy and welcoming. \$299,500 Weaver Street Realty 919-929-5658

HOMES FOR SALE



**BRIAR CHAPEL** Old world cottage design with main and 2nd floor porches on both the front and back for sunrise and sunsets! Third floor suite is a great hideaway. Larger lot has sunny veggie garden and potting shed. \$350,000 Weaver Street Realty 919-929-5658



**CARRBORO CONTEMPORARY** on a large wooded lot with a fenced backyard and awesome boulders dotting the yard. Inside there's fresh paint, LR with vaulted ceilings & skylights, bright kitchen and laundry room. A quick walk will get you to Bolin Creek. Weaver Street Realty \$234,000 919-929-5658



**CHARMING COTTAGE** Brand new one level cottage in downtown Carrboro. Open floor plan with gracious owners' suite, hardwood floors, cook's kitchen, fireplace, garage. Can finish 2nd floor. Call Tom or Mariana at Terra Nova for plan or visit us at [www.104LaurelCottage.com](http://www.104LaurelCottage.com) Call 919-929-2005



**ENERGY STAR HOME** built in 2011 has a cottage feel and is flooded with natural light. Situated on 10 acres, this home has numerous energy saving features including tankless water heater, energy star appliances and sealed crawlspace. Enjoy the view from the screened porch. \$350,000 Weaver Street Realty 919-929-5658



**GREEN DETAILS THROUGHOUT** Awesome remodel of early 20th c farmhouse. Radiant heat floors, tankless radiant heat water heater, metal roof, organic gardens, active spring on 5ac lot. Large rooms, great kitchen! \$449,000 Weaver Street Realty 919-929-5658



**N. CHATHAM HOME ON 3 ACRES** - an awesome setting for a budding farmer. 60'x40' fenced organic garden, large pole barn with 2nd level storage and 24'x24' wired wkshop. 3BR home with expansive screened porch. \$168,750 Weaver Street Realty 919-929-5658



**SPLENDID RENOVATION** of 1950's Carrboro home. Truly one-of-a-kind with all new kitchen, delicious custom tile features and finishes. Oak, cork & custom tile flooring. Deer fenced backyard. Easy walk to Farmer's Market. \$349,000 Weaver Street Realty 919-929-5658

AUTOS FOR SALE



**1999 VOLVO V70 GLT** silver, one owner, one driver. Sunroof, roof rails, am-fm-cass-cd, premium sound system. 253k miles. Driver's seat has some wear, small leak in coolant reservoir, check engine light has been on for 9 years. Good life left on Michelin tires. Completely reliable transportation for 13 years and still runs great. \$1795. 919-593-6769

YARD SALES

**IT'S THAT YARD SALE TIME OF YEAR!** Your yard sale ad will be seen by more than 12,500 readers each week. Place classifieds online at [carrborocitizen.com](http://carrborocitizen.com) by midnight Tuesday for publication in the following Thursday's Citizen. Or call us at 919-942-2100 if you need help placing an ad.

LOST AND FOUND

**LOST CAMERA** black, digital Lumix, Sat 3/24 in Carrboro @ farmer's market, carr mill mall, & harris t.. Photos not backed up - big loss. Please call (478) 357-8581

MISCELLANEOUS

**CEMETERY PLOT** in Winter Park, FL. Glen Haven Memorial Park \$2750 Local Seller 919-942-7624

HELP WANTED

**SOLID WASTE EQUIP. OPERATOR** I ñ Town of Carrboro Public Works Dept. FT/ Perm. Performs routine manual work in the collection of residential refuse, including emptying of roll-out containers and manual lifting of heavy items, i.e. furniture, appliances, limbs. Prolonged walking and working in adverse weather conditions req. HS diploma/ GED req., as well as Class B Commercial DL with air brakes certification. Subject to pre-employ drug screen. Salary range: \$27,003-\$41,855; excellent benefits. Closing date: April 27, 2012. For an application contact HR, 301 W. Main St., Carrboro, NC 27510; 919-918-7320 or visit our website at [www.townofcarrboro.org](http://www.townofcarrboro.org). EOE.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

**Carpenter** Kendrick Harvey Carpentry Service. I have been a local carpenter for 26 years. I make big pieces of wood smaller and nail them together! Any kind of framing. Decks, Log structures, Screen, Porches, Cabinets, Remodels, Fences, Barns, That door you bought at Habitat, Acoustic Tile Ceilings, Tile, Bookshelves, Planters, Metal roofs, Floors, Cable deck railings, Pergolas, Trellises, Trim, Skylites, Move or make new doors or windows, Retaining walls, Any carpentry related repairs. I work by the hour or by the job. References available. Feel free to look at sample work on my website. I now accept credit cards. [KendrickHarvey.com](http://KendrickHarvey.com) [kendrickch@gmail.com](mailto:kendrickch@gmail.com) 919-545-4269

LANDSCAPING

**LANDSCAPING** Lawn & bush hog mowing, lawns aerated & reseeded. Trees topped & cut, shrubs pruned, mulching w/ oak or pine mulch, pine straw etc. Lawn cleanup, leaves, gutters etc. Gravel driveways, road grading & repair. 30 years experience. Call 919-942-0390.

sell your stuff.

[carrborocitizen.com/classifieds](http://carrborocitizen.com/classifieds)

**YARD CARE WITH CARE** Brian D. Rogers Tree & Landscaping. Mulch, pine straw, leaf removal, gutters cleaned, tree/ shrub planting, shaping & pruning, tree removal, storm cleanup, jungle taming. Free quotes. Immaculate cleanup. Over 15 yrs. experience, fully licensed/ insured. Satisfaction guaranteed. 919-933-9921 or 919-542-9892

SERVICES

**DIVINEROSE FACIALS** 2012: Feed your Self Beauty with a Divineroose Facial..... Cori Roth, Wholistic, Certified Dr. Hauschka Esthetician and Retailer. Please visit [divineroose.com](http://divineroose.com) for more info.

**AFFORDABLE LEGAL SERVICES** Separation agreements, wills, estates, powers of attorney, divorce, bankruptcy, small claims, etc. [diylegalnc.com](http://diylegalnc.com), Do It Yourself Legal NC now open at 205 W Main St., Carrboro. 919-913-5209

**BRIAN'S PRESSURE WASH** Wood deck restoration/ staining/ sealing/ repairs. exterior house cleaning/ mold/ mildew removal.driveways/ patios. Stop slipping on that dirty wood or bricks! 20 yrs experience. also trash/ junk removal. Prompt Personal service. 919-697-1475

**CreativeRetirementNow.com** Successful retirement needs a Plan! Retirement Coaching prepares you to live a life of meaning, purpose and balance. Ricki L. Geiger, LCSW, CRC (Certified Retirement Coach) 919.929.8559. Free 15 minute phone consultation.

PLACE YOUR AD

[carrborocitizen.com/classifieds](http://carrborocitizen.com/classifieds)

FARMERS' MARKET

**SPRING MARKET HOURS**  
Wednesdays 3:30-6:30pm • Saturdays 7am-Noon

What's at Market

**MEAT:** prosciutto, pork sausage, brats, various other cuts of pork, lamb, various cuts of beef and more **VEGGIES:** asparagus, turmeric, escarole, arugula, cilantro, spinach, spring onions, greenhouse tomatoes, rhubarb, cabbage, green garlic, parsley, plant starters, Brussels sprouts, radishes, carrots, turnips, beets, fenel, potatoes, lettuces, kale, bok choy, Swiss chard, collard greens, mustard greens, spinach, fresh herbs and mixed greens, white and purple sweet potatoes, dried tomatoes and more **CHEESES:** an assortment of goat and cow cheeses **FLOWERS:** ranunculus, paperwhites, daffodils, light pink tulips, double tulips and hanging flower pots including verbena, lantana and ferns **SPECIALTY ITEMS:** kombucha, kimchi, wine, breads, pies, cakes, tortes, jams, jellies, pickles, local hotdogs, fermented foods, vegan and gluten-free options and more

Recipe of the Week  
Aioli, Mais Oui!

Recipe provided by Susan Reda

Ingredients

- 1 large egg yolk
- 1 small clove garlic, finely minced
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 teaspoon water
- ¼ cup grape seed oil
- ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
- pinch of cayenne pepper
- fresh lemon juice
- freshly ground pepper

Method

Using the widest part of your chef's knife, smash garlic clove with ¼ teaspoon of salt, making a grainy paste. Place egg yolk, garlic salt paste and water in a small bowl. Whisk enthusiastically until ingredients are incorporated. Whisking somewhat vigorously, add grape seed oil, 1 teaspoon at a time, until the sauce is emulsified and begins to thicken. Whisking constantly, drizzle in the olive oil. Stir in cayenne and add lemon juice, pepper and additional salt to taste.



Announcing the  
**Camellia Forest Nursery Open House**  
Open Fridays and Saturdays 9-5 and Sundays 1-5  
March 30,31, April 1, 6-8 and 13-15



620 Hwy 54 West  
919-968-0504  
[www.camforest.com](http://www.camforest.com)

In the April 12 Citizen...

DIGS

THE CITIZEN'S ANNUAL GUIDE  
TO SPRING GARDENING & GREEN HOMES


Featuring:

- Ken Moore's FLORA
- LEED certified home building
- Gardening tips from the Green Gardeners at the NC Botanical Garden
- Quick & easy ways to save energy at home

LOOK FOR YOUR COPY INSIDE THE NEXT CITIZEN!

Limited advertising space is still available on a first come first served basis. Call Marty Cassidy at 919-942-2100 ext. 2# or email [marty@carrborocitizen.com](mailto:marty@carrborocitizen.com)

PHOTO COURTESY OF AUDREYJMS39@FLICKR



"We run our business more like a family and it shows. Our clients appreciate being able to sit down in a comfortable environment and talk through the often-monumental changes they are about to make in their lives without all the formalities that sometimes go with that."

Gretchen Matheson Photography  
-picture taken in our office foyer

**Louise Barnum, Owner, Broker**  
[louise@weaverstreetrealty.com](mailto:louise@weaverstreetrealty.com) • 919-923-3220

**PET OF THE WEEK**

**ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES** — Say hello to **Star!** She's about 2 years old and came to the shelter to find a fresh start and a new place to call home. Even though her previous owners could no longer keep her, they definitely cared for her well while she was in their care. In fact, this plus-size gal may have been a bit too pampered! Star has a mellow personality and is a bit shy at first but soon warms up and makes herself at home. She would love to find a home where she can lounge quietly in a sunny window and enjoy the simple things in life – and, of course, an owner who could help her slim down a size or two. Visit Star today at Orange County Animal Services, 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill. You can also see her and other adoptable animals online at [www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp](http://www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp)



CONFERENCE :: RETREAT :: CONCERT

» 30 Speakers. 1 Stage. 1 Day.  
Network with world leaders in  
technology, business, development,  
global health, and social enterprise.

» April 20  
Haw River Ballroom  
Saxapahaw, NC

KEYNOTE:  
MICHAEL TIEMANN, RED HAT



MERGE DISRUPT INFUSE

**SWITCH POINT**

An IntraHealth production

Speakers have worked for industry leaders such as:  
**GOOD :: Google :: USAID :: Medic Mobile :: MapBox :: World Bank  
New Kind :: Cisco :: Ashoka :: Development Seed :: Grameen :: iHub  
Intel :: Buckminster Fuller Institute :: Embrace :: Pop Tech :: and more**

register now: [switchpointideas.com](http://switchpointideas.com)





Trailing cinquefoil forms a living green mulch protecting other perennials in the garden. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA  
FROM PAGE 1

drought, sun and shade. Common cinquefoil (meaning five fingers, referring to the five leaf segments), *Potentilla simplex*, serves as a well-behaved living green mulch supporting other perennials in the garden.

In *The Secrets of Wildflowers* by Jack Sanders, longtime Connecticut resident and newspaper editor, the author seems as enthusiastic as I am about cinquefoils. He describes cinquefoils as “a rose by another name.”

I wholeheartedly agree with him that “Cinquefoils are lowly but lovely flowers. ... These dry-earth cinquefoils are nature’s way of covering, even decorating, the more barren parts of our landscape. Like cacti, they spring from harsh, barren soils. As we allow more of the good topsoil to be eroded or scraped away, the cinquefoils are bound to become even more common. They are among those opportunistic creatures of nature that thrive on our inability to handle our environment carefully.”

Enough said – go search out the several areas in the new gardens where keen curators, particularly Chris Liloia and Sally Heiney, are encouraging and planting this lowly, lovely native groundcover.

Jack Sanders is also a poet, and I have to share his poem about cinquefoils:

Mysteries  
The lowly cinquefoil is a rose.  
A fact that any botanist knows.  
Though it seems to me a mystery  
How such a lowly plant can be  
Sibling to a flower that grows  
As glorious as a garden rose.  
The bigger question does remain:  
How you pronounce that funny name?  
Does it ‘sink’ or does it ‘sank’  
As it wanders up the bank?  
And as it creeps across the soil  
What, pray tell, does it foil?  
How I wish I had composed that!

Email Ken Moore at [flora@carrborocitizen.com](mailto:flora@carrborocitizen.com). Find previous Ken Moore Citizen columns at *The Annotated Flora* ([carrborocitizen.com/flora](http://carrborocitizen.com/flora)).



Skyping China



A THOUSAND  
WORDS

BY JOCK LAUTERER

Do you have an important old photo that you value? Email your photo to [jock@email.unc.edu](mailto:jock@email.unc.edu) and include the story behind the picture. Because every picture tells a story. And its worth? A thousand words.

My students are still buzzing about last week’s Skype to China. An outgrowth of my Chinese Community Journalism initiative, the historic exchange between fledgling journalists from UNC and Southwest University of Political Science and Law in Chongqing put kids who are worlds apart face to face in real time. Chapel Hill native and UNC senior (and *Citizen* intern) Kevin Collins reflected, “I’m so glad I could be a part of the China Skype session! Every now and then, something happens that reminds me what a crazy time I’m growing up in. That was pretty much all I could think about during the Skype session. Technology is bringing the world together; and I don’t know if I’ve ever seen a more concrete example of that than last night.” In response, Chinese student Ying Peng observed, “On the screen, we saw ... American students ... with golden hair and white skin, some with brown hair and black skin. I could ... perceive the racial differences, so that this meeting seemed more unique and valuable. When the first girl (explained why she loved) journalism, she said: I love (meeting) different people ... so that I can tell (their stories.) I bet this is also one of the reasons why I chose journalism. It seems that we have overcome the different time zones and the different races between us.” Forgive me for being so hopeful in this fractured world, but perhaps the childhood song is true: “It’s a Small World After All.”

got news? send it to us at:  
[news@carrborocitizen.com](mailto:news@carrborocitizen.com)

THE CARRBORO  
CITIZEN

your local newspaper since 2007

**Niche Gardens**  
NOW OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!  
JAM-PACKED FOR SPRING PLANTING!

- ◆ Natives & Wildflowers, locally grown
- ◆ Plants for birds, butterflies & pollinators
- ◆ FREE guided garden walk Saturdays at 10 am

Monday-Saturday 9-5 & Sunday 10-5  
1111 Dawson Road (West of Carrboro, off Old Greensboro Hwy)  
919-967-0078 ♥ [www.NicheGardens.com](http://www.NicheGardens.com)

10th Annual Spring  
**SHAKORI HILLS**  
*Grassroots*  
Festival  
OF MUSIC & DANCE

April 19–22  
Music Lovers’ Paradise  
4 days, 4 stages, in beautiful, green, Chatham County, NC!  
On-site camping, kids’ activities, music, crafts, food, workshops, fun for everyone!

Leftover Salmon • Donna the Buffalo  
Blitz the Ambassador • The Red Clay Ramblers  
Preston Frank • Suénalo • The Sim Redmond Band  
BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet • Diali Cissokho & Kairaba  
Holy Ghost Tent Revival • Revelation Mizik • Lydia Loveless  
Rey Norteño • Rubblebucket • Equanimous Minds  
Elephant Revival • Richie Stearns & Rosie Newton  
Driftwood • Bombadil • The Beast • Jim Avett  
Raffa & Rainer • Mandolin Orange  
Dark Water Rising • Justin Robinson & The Mary Annettes  
Greg Humphreys & The Hobex All Stars  
Dirty Bourbon River Show • Harper & Midwest Kind  
Lizzy Ross Band • Old Man Luedecke • David Wax Museum  
Music Maker Revue • Midtown Dickens  
Big Fat Gap • Randy Dean Whitt • New Town Drunks  
Sarah Shook & The Devil  
Shirlette & The Dynamite Brothers  
The South Carolina Broadcasters • Apple Chill Cloggers  
Onyx Club Boys • Dutch Bucket System  
Galactic Cowboy Orchestra • Deep Chatham  
Farmer Jason • Mad Tea • Curtis Eller • Jeanne Jolly  
Bareknuckle Betties • Roxanna & The Rusty Bucket Band  
Elkland Art Center Puppets • The Ayr Mountaineers  
Justin Johnson • Town Hall • Kin Ship & many more...

[shakorihillsgrassroots.org](http://shakorihillsgrassroots.org) 919-542-8142

**Earth Action Day**  
FESTIVAL

A celebration of sustainability

April 14 Southern Community Park  
Festival 12-5pm • 5K Race 10-noon

- artist mARTket selling upcycled creations
- scavenger hunt
- recycled art and interactive youth projects
- solar car races
- local food vendors
- all-day entertainment featuring *The Small Ponds*, *Tokyo Rosenthal*, *Earth Day Ballet* & more!
- exhibits of the latest in sustainable living
- shuttle service available all day

Register now  
5K & 1 Mile Fun Run!  
Co-sponsored by the East Chapel Hill Rotary Club

Sponsored by Town of Chapel Hill  
Parks & Recreation Department  
[www.townofchapelhill.org/earthday](http://www.townofchapelhill.org/earthday)

Roger Dinger

TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL